

9 Hurt, 2 Dead In NY Shooting

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Associated Press

NEW YORK (AP) — A laid-off clothing designer fatally shot an executive at his former company outside the Empire State Building on Friday, setting off a chaotic showdown with police in front of one of the world's best-known landmarks. Officers killed the gunman and at least nine others suffered minor wounds, likely all of them by stray police gunfire, authorities said. The gunshots rang out on the Fifth Avenue side of the building around 9 a.m., when pedestrians on their way to work packed sidewalks and merchants were opening their shops. "People were yelling 'Get



Police crime scene tape blocks 34th St. at Fifth Avenue after a multiple shooting outside the Empire State Building, Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, in New York.

(AP Photo/Mark Lennihan)

down! Get down!" said Marc Engel, an accountant who was on a bus in the area when he heard the shots. "It took about 15 seconds, a lot of pop, pop, pop, pop, one shot after the other."

Afterward, he saw the

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Mexican Standoff



An armored U.S. Embassy vehicle is checked by military personal after it was attacked by Mexican federal police on the highway leading to the city of Cuernavaca, near Tres Marias, Mexico, Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. Two U.S. government employees were shot and wounded in an attack on their vehicle south of Mexico City on Friday, a law enforcement official said.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

Mexico Feds open fire on US Embassy vehicle

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MEXICO CITY (AP) — Mexican federal police fired on a U.S. Embassy vehicle and wounded two U.S. government employees Friday after their vehicle drove into a rural, mountainous area outside the capital where the officers were looking for criminals, Mexican and U.S. officials said. The two embassy employees were hospitalized, one with a leg wound and the other hit in the stomach and hand, according to a government official who spoke on condition of anonymity. Another official said they were in stable condition. The U.S. Embassy said it could not release details of the shooting or the names of the victims.

The Navy said in a written statement that federal police shot the U.S. vehicle, but its description of the incident left out key details of how the shooting occurred. It said at least four vehicles opened fire on the Americans' sport utility vehicle on a road south of Mexico City, but did not make clear if any of the four carried federal police officers. A U.S. official who was briefed on the shooting said, however, that all the shots were fired by federal police officers who have been detained for questioning by Mexican authorities. The U.S. Embassy employees were on their way to do training or related work at a nearby military base, the official said. "Apparently the police were looking for some

bad guys and they ran into each other," said the official, who agreed to discuss the incident only if not quoted by name. "It looks like it was just a bad mistake ... they just shot and kept shooting."

The Navy said the embassy personnel were heading down a dirt road to the military installation when a carload of gunmen opened fire on them and chased them and a Navy officer accompanying them. The shooting broke out in an area that has been used by common criminals, drug gangs and leftist rebels in the past. The Americans' vehicle tried to escape, but three other cars joined the original vehicle in pursuing them down the road, the statement said. Occupants of all four vehicles fired, and

the Navy captain called more help, it said. Federal police officers and Mexican soldiers then showed up on the road, the statement said.

The U.S. vehicle appeared to have been armored and had diplomatic plates. The government official said the wounded were not agents of the Drug Enforcement Administration or FBI, but did not identify which agency they work for.

"We are working with Mexican authorities to investigate an incident this morning in which two employees of our Embassy in Mexico City came under attack by unknown assailants. They are receiving appropriate medical care and are in stable condition."

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Egyptians protest new Islamist president

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Associated Press

CAIRO (AP) — Several thousand Egyptians rallied Friday in the first significant protests against the country's Islamist President Mohammed Morsi, accusing him and his Muslim Brotherhood group of trying to monopolize power.

The main protest in Cairo, which counted around 3,000 people and converged on the presidential palace from several locations, drew a far smaller turnout than the mass demonstrations that helped topple Morsi's predecessor, Hosni Mubarak, or the later rallies against the council of generals that took power after Mubarak's fall.

While the turnout was low for Friday's rally in Cairo, as well as similar ones in the Mediterranean port city of Alexandria and elsewhere, the protests point to the fears many Egyptians feel with the Islamist president and his policies, and reflect

the deep divide in Egyptian society over the country's future direction under Morsi and the Brotherhood. Other than minor scuffles,

testers in Alexandria. Several people were wounded and someone in the crowd lit a flare that sent clouds of smoke into the air. It was



An Egyptian anti-Muslim brotherhood protester wears a Vendetta Guy Fawkes mask during a rally in front of the presidential palace to denounce the country's Islamist president and his Muslim Brotherhood group in Cairo, Egypt Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. Friday's protests were the first attempt by Mohammed Morsi's opponents to stage a major demonstration against the new president.

(AP Photo/Amr Nabil)

the demonstrations in Cairo were peaceful. However, a mob wielding knives and sticks attacked around 1,000 anti-Brotherhood pro-

not immediately clear who was behind the attack. Protesters accuse Morsi of monopolizing power and say that he exceeded

his authority when he assumed legislative powers after forcing senior generals into retirement following a deadly attack this month by militants that killed 16 Egyptian soldiers in the Sinai Peninsula.

The protesters in Cairo appeared to be largely made up of supporters of the former regime and those calling for Egypt to remain a secular state. Notably absent, however, were Egypt's liberal and secular parties as well as the youth activists who helped engineer last year's uprising against Mubarak.

In Cairo, protesters carried Egypt's red, white and black flags and signs that read "Down with Brotherhood rule" while chanting "illegitimate" in reference to Morsi's wide-sweeping powers.

Khairy Hassan, an English teacher taking part in the rally in Tahrir Square, accused the Brotherhood of betraying the people. □

Diplomats: Iran shrouds its suspected nuclear site

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Associated Press

VIENNA (AP) — Iran has shrouded a building that the U.N. nuclear agency suspects was used for secret work on atomic weapons, meaning spy satellites can no longer monitor Tehran's alleged efforts to clean up the site, diplomats told The Associated Press on Friday.

For months, satellite images have recorded what the International Atomic Energy Agency suspects is an attempt to sanitize the site. At the same time, Iran has repeatedly rebuffed agency efforts for access — and did so again Friday. Talks between the two sides ended without an agreement that would have allowed IAEA experts to visit the site at the Parchin military complex southeast of Tehran.

The diplomats said the main building is now covered with what appears to be plastic sheeting, shielding any activity there from the outside world and effectively shutting down the IAEA's only way of monitoring the site with its eyes in the sky through spy and commercial satellite imagery. Iran denies any cover-up at Parchin or anywhere else, describing allegations that it worked secretly on developing nuclear arms as lies based on fabricated intelligence made available to the agency by the U.S., its Western allies and Israel. It also denies that its public nuclear work — uranium enrichment — is meant to create nuclear missile warheads, saying it is enriching only to make reactor fuel, medical isotopes and for research. □

Mexico Feds open fire on US Embassy vehicle

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We have no further information to share at this time," said Victoria Nuland, a State Department spokeswoman in Washington. The Mexican naval captain in the vehicle was not injured. The vehicle was riddled with bullets, most concentrated around the passenger-side window. The scene of the shooting, near the city of Cuernavaca, was cordoned off and guarded by more than 100 heavily armed marines and soldiers, and the highway was closed. Investigators examined what appeared to be shell casings.

Attacks on diplomatic



Military stand guard over an armored U.S. Embassy vehicle attacked by Mexican federal police on the highway leading to the city of Cuernavaca, near Tres Marias, Mexico, Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. Two U.S. government employees were shot and wounded in an attack on their vehicle south of Mexico City on Friday, a law enforcement official said.

(AP Photo/Alexandre Meneghini)

personnel in Mexico were once considered rare, but this was the third shooting incident in two years.

In 2011, a U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agent was killed and another wounded in a drug gang shooting in northern Mexico. A drug-gang shooting in 2010 in the border city of Ciudad Juarez killed a U.S. consulate employee, her husband and another man. While Mexico City has largely been spared the drug violence that hits other parts of the country, Cuernavaca has been the scene of drug gang turf battles involving remnants of the Beltran Leyva cartel. □

Isaac swirls towards Haiti's homeless quake population

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Associated Press

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti (AP)

— Tropical Storm Isaac strengthened as it swirled toward vulnerable Haiti on Friday evening, threatening to bring punishing rains to people still without homes after the 2010 earthquake, but unlikely to gain enough steam to strike as a hurricane.

Forecasters expected the storm to stay below hurricane force until it reached the Gulf of Mexico on Sunday, and they shifted the projected track back eastward where it remained a threat to Tampa, Florida, where the Republican National Convention starts Monday.

In Haiti, the government and international aid groups were prepared to evacuate several thousand people from settlement camps that sprang up in

the aftermath of the earthquake but there were few takers.

Isaac was expected to dump up to eight to 12

inches (20 to 30 centimeters) of rain on the island of Hispaniola, which is shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Haiti is heavily



Pastor Jules Jean Gabriel leads church members from the Marassa Tent City in Croix des Boquets, Haiti, in prayers Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, ahead of Tropical Storm Isaac. The pastor had told his parishioners, who chose not to heed evacuation orders, not to lose faith. Isaac strengthened as it swirled toward Haiti on Friday evening, threatening to bring punishing rains to people still without homes after the 2010 earthquake, but unlikely to gain enough steam to strike as a hurricane.

(AP Photo/The Miami Herald, Patrick Farrell)

deforested and just a few hours of steady rain can trigger deadly mudslides.

"That kind of rain is going to cause some life-threatening flash floods and mudslides," said Dennis Feltgen, a spokesman for the U.S. Hurricane Center in Miami. Isaac was centered about 100 miles (160 kilometers) south-southeast of Port-au-Prince, the Haitian capital, Friday evening, and its maximum sustained winds had increased to 65 mph (100 kph). It was moving west at 16 mph (26 kph). Tropical force winds extended nearly 200 miles (321 kilometers) from the storm's center.

Cuba declared a state of alert Friday for six eastern provinces, according to a Civil Defense announcement read on the afternoon news, and five central provinces were put on preliminary watch.

"Vacationers in tourist in-

stallations of those regions have begun to be evacuated," Radio Rebelde said.

"In the coming hours, people in areas at greatest risk of flooding will be transported to safe places."

In flood-prone Haiti, Prime Minister Laurent Lamothe urged people to avoid crossing rivers and to stay calm, saying "panic creates more problems." He said the government had set aside about \$50,000 in emergency funds and had buses and 32 boats on standby for evacuations.

But among many Haitians, the notion of disaster preparedness in a country where most people get by on about \$2 a day was met with a shrug.

"We don't have houses that can bear a hurricane," said Jeanette Lauredan, who lives in a tent camp in the crowded Delmas district of Port-au-Prince. □

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Romney touches 'birther' issue he avoided before

Associated Press

COMMERCE, Michigan

(AP) — Mitt Romney was on the defensive after raising the discredited rumor that Barack Obama wasn't born in the United States and therefore ineligible to be president. The Republican candidate jokingly declared "no one's ever asked to see my birth certificate" as he campaigned Friday near his own Michigan birthplace.

Romney later insisted the remark was just a joke and not meant to question Obama's citizenship. But the comment risked creating an unwanted distraction for Romney in his last few days of campaigning before the Republican National Convention, which

opens Monday and concludes with his formal nomination later in the week. The authenticity of Obama's birth certificate

has been questioned by some Republican critics who insist Obama is not a "natural-born citizen" as required by the Constitution.



Republican presidential candidate, former Massachusetts Gov. Mitt Romney speaks during a campaign rally with vice presidential running mate Rep. Paul Ryan, R-Wis., on Friday, Aug. 24, 2012 in Commerce, Mich.

(AP Photo/Evan Vucci)

Obama released a long-form version of his birth certificate last year as proof that he was born in Hawaii in 1961. But polls show some Republicans remain unconvinced. A Pew Research Center poll taken in April found 19 percent of Republicans, when asked where Obama was born, said they weren't sure, and 6 percent believe he was born in another country.

The flap over the joke came a day after Romney caused another stir by declaring that big business was "doing fine" in the current struggling economy in part because companies get advantages from off-shore tax havens.

Romney made his birth certificate remark at a large outdoor rally in

Michigan, where he grew up and where his father, George Romney, served as governor. Romney told supporters that he and his wife, Ann, had been born at nearby hospitals.

"No one's ever asked to see my birth certificate. They know that this is the place that we were born and raised," Romney said. The crowd of more than 7,000 responded with hearty laughter.

But Obama campaign spokesman Ben LaBolt swiftly denounced the remark, saying Romney "embraced the most strident voices in his party instead of standing up to them."

Romney was asked about his comment in an interview with CBS television later in the day. □

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New York City police approach the lifeless body of Jeffrey Johnson lying on a sidewalk near the Empire State Building in New York following a shooting Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. Police say 58-year-old Johnson, who was laid off from a nearby shop in 2011, shot a former colleague to death near the iconic skyscraper, then randomly opened fire on people nearby before firing on police.

(AP Photo/Guillermo Ratzlaff)

2 Dead, 9 hurt outside Empire State Building

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sidewalks littered with the wounded, including one person "dripping enough blood to leave a stream."

Wearing an olive suit and tie and carrying a briefcase, Jeffrey Johnson walked up to the import company vice president, Steven Ercolino, put a gun to his head and fired without saying a word, authori-

ties said. A witness told investigators that Johnson shot Ercolino once in the head and, after he fell to the sidewalk, stood over him and shot him four more times.

"Jeffrey just came from behind two cars, pulled out his gun, put it up to Steve's head and shot him," said Carol Timan, whose daughter, Irene, was walking to Hazan Imports at the time with Ercolino. □

U.S. Briefs

New York woman convicted of punching Walmart cashier, 70

BATAVIA, N.Y. (AP) — A western New York woman has been convicted of punching a 70-year-old Walmart cashier during a dispute over a receipt on Christmas Eve. Jacquetta Simmons was found guilty of felony assault by a jury on Friday. The 27-year-old faces from 2 1/3 to seven years in prison under New York's Granny Law, which makes it a felony to intentionally injure someone 65 or older if the defendant is at least 10 years younger than the victim. Prosecutors say Simmons knocked Grace Suozzi down with a blow to the face while Suozzi was checking her receipt. Simmons' lawyer argued she swung her arm but didn't intend to hit Suozzi. Sentencing is set for Nov. 14 in Batavia. Bentonville, Arkansas-based Wal-Mart Stores Inc. hasn't replied to an email seeking comment. □

Gulf of Mexico oil companies start personnel evacuations

Oil companies are evacuating some Gulf of Mexico oil rigs in advance of Tropical Storm Isaac. For now the storm is close to the Dominican Republic and Haiti. But oil installations would be at risk if it heads to the Gulf of Mexico and reaches hurricane strength. BP said Friday it has begun evacuating all workers from its Thunder Horse platform in the eastern Gulf of Mexico, and will suspend oil and natural gas production there. It is also evacuating non-essential workers from offshore facilities in the central Gulf.

US terror plotters get lengthy prison terms in North Carolina

NEW BERN, North Carolina (AP) — Two men convicted of being members of a North Carolina-based terror ring that aspired to kill U.S. military personnel are facing long prison terms. A federal judge on Friday sentenced ringleader Daniel Patrick Boyd to 18 years. Boyd is a 42-year-old Muslim convert who lived near Raleigh and who pleaded guilty in 2011 to charges of conspiring to provide material support to terrorists and plotting murders overseas. In June, a jury found 36-year-old Anes Subasic guilty of the same charges.

The Bosnian native got a 30-year sentence. Prosecutors said the men weapons and trained for jihadist attacks against those they considered enemies of Islam. All seven charged, including two of Boyd's sons, were either U.S. citizens or legal permanent residents. □

'Drugstore Cowboy' author dies

SEATTLE (AP) — James Fogle, who wrote "Drugstore Cowboy," an autobiographical crime novel that led to an acclaimed 1989 film starring Matt Dillon, has died. He was 75. Fogle died Thursday at a prison in Washington state, said Selena Davis, a state corrections spokeswoman. A judge had sentenced him to almost 16 years in prison for holding up a pharmacy in a Seattle suburb in 2010, the last in a string of crimes that put him behind bars for most of his adult life.

Fogle died of probable malignant mesothelioma, the medical examiner's office said Friday. The ailing Fogle was emaciated and connected to several medical machines in the last week of his life, close friend Daniel Yost told the Seattle Times in a phone interview from Los Angeles. □

Peterson judge: potential holes in case

MICHAEL TARM

Associated Press

JOLIET, Ill. (AP) — The judge at Drew Peterson's murder trial exposed potential holes in the state's case against the former suburban Chicago police officer, telling prosecutors Friday that they have failed to either place Peterson in the bathroom where his third wife was found dead or illustrate exactly how he might have killed her.

The issue arose as the judge blocked a bid by prosecutors to introduce testimony that Peterson once received stranglehold training that would have given him special expertise in how to kill Kathleen Savio, 40, whose body was found in her dry bathtub. Peterson, 58, has pleaded not guilty to first-



Attorney in the Drew Peterson trial, Kathleen Patton, left, with first deputy States Attorney, Ken Grey. The judge in Peterson's murder trial exposed potential holes in the state's case against the former suburban Chicago police officer, telling prosecutors Friday that they have failed to either place Peterson in the bathroom where his third wife was found dead or illustrate exactly how he might have killed her. (AP Photo/M Spencer Green)

degree murder in her 2004 drowning death.

Prosecutors told the judge — with jurors out of the courtroom — that they in-

tended to introduce testimony about how the former Bolingbrook police sergeant might have gone about killing Savio. □



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McRaven to troops: pipe down or face legal action

KIMBERLY DOZIER

AP Intelligence Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — Special operations chief Adm. Bill McRaven warned his troops, current and former, that he would take legal action against anyone found to have exposed sensitive information that could cause fellow forces harm.

"We will pursue every option available to hold members accountable, including criminal prosecution where appropriate," the four-star commander wrote, in an open, unclassified letter emailed to the active-duty special operations community Thursday, and obtained by The Associated Press.

The warning came a day



Navy Adm. Bill McRaven, commander of the U.S. Special Operations Command, addresses the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA), in Washington. Special operations chief McRaven is warning he will take legal action against anyone under his command if they're found guilty of exposing sensitive information that could cause fellow forces harm. In an email Thursday Aug. 23, 2012 to special operations forces and obtained by The Associated Press, McRaven threatens to pursue "every option available to hold members accountable, including criminal prosecution."

(AP Photo/Charles Dharapak)

after a retired Navy commando revealed he is publishing a first-hand account of the raid that killed Osama bin Laden.

Pentagon officials say they have not been given a chance to review the book, but Pentagon spokesman George Little said Friday officials expect to receive a copy "very shortly."

Little said the Pentagon will decide whether to take any action against the author once officials review the book's contents to determine whether it includes classified information. He said the Department of Justice would have the lead role if any legal action were to be taken.

It also follows a media cam-

paign by special operations veterans, decrying alleged leaks by President Barack Obama's administration of secret operations, and criticizing Obama's highlighting the raid as part of his reelection campaign.

McRaven also took former special operators to task for "using their 'celebrity' status to advance their personal or professional agendas." He acknowledged that former service members are "well within their rights to advocate for certain causes or write books about their adventures," but he cautioned them against claiming to speak for all special operations troops and against endangering troops by what they write. □



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WASHINGTON PARK, Illinois (AP) — A girl reported missing more than two years ago when she was 15 told police she escaped a home in Illinois where she had been held captive and repeatedly sexually assaulted.

Authorities in Washington Park, a village next to East St. Louis in the southwestern part of the state, raided the house Thursday afternoon and took into custody a 24-year-old man and his mother.

They also recovered the teen's young child, which the girl said was the result of rape by her captor.

Washington Park Police Chief David Clark said they believe the man's mother aided the crimes. Police would not identify either of them by name because they had not been



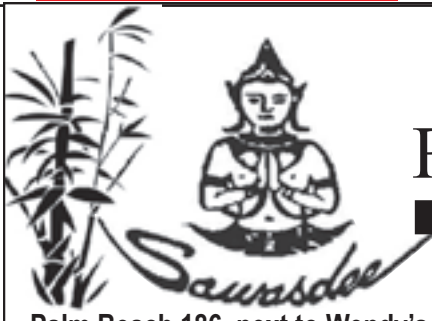
Neighborhood children watch as members of the Madison County tactical response team secure a house Thursday evening, Aug. 23, 2012 in Washington Park, Ill. A teenage girl reported missing more than two years ago escaped from the Southwestern Illinois home where she said she was held captive and repeatedly sexually assaulted, police said Thursday.

(AP Photo/J.B. Forbes)

charged as of early Friday. About two dozen members of a police commando unit wearing helmets and body armor swarmed the home with assault rifles drawn. They recovered the child

and arrested a man and his mother.

One officer carried the child from the home, shielding the toddler with a sheet. The child was then taken away in an ambulance. □



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Fear of new gun laws rise in Remington country



A street near the waterfront of the Mohawk River in Ilion, a town whose history and economy are indelibly linked to the local Remington Arms factory, one of America's more celebrated gun makers, in New York state, Aug. 23, 2012. Recent mass shootings have galvanized advocates of tougher gun laws in the New York state capital, and the factory has made it clear that such laws could prompt it to leave for a more sympathetic state.

(Nathaniel Brooks/The New York Times)

THOMAS KAPLAN

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ILION, N.Y. – This is the town that Remington built.

Almost 200 years ago, a young man named Eliphalet Remington Jr. forged his first rifle barrel at his father's ironworks here in the Mohawk Valley. These days, the Remington Arms factory in this village, midway between Albany and Syracuse, is one of the few large manufacturers still prospering in a part of upstate New York that was once filled with them.

But now residents of Ilion, a community whose history and economy are indelibly linked to one of America's more celebrated gun makers, are starting to worry about Remington's future. The recent mass shootings at a screening of "The Dark Knight Rises" in Colorado and at a Sikh temple in Wisconsin have galvanized advocates of tougher gun laws in the state capital, and Remington has made it clear that such laws could prompt it to leave New York for a

more sympathetic state.

While elsewhere the debate over gun control includes talk of balancing constitutional rights with public safety, here residents are most concerned with a little discussed element of the gun industry: economics.

Diana Bower, who owns a small engineering business with her husband, a one-time engineer at the Remington plant, said politicians pressing for new gun laws – many of them from New York City – did not realize what was at stake upstate. For example, company officials have said one proposal under consideration would require costly plant retooling.

"If you don't live here and work here," Bower said, "you really don't know what it means to say, 'Pass this,' or, 'Pass that.'"

And Rusty Brown, a furnace technician in the powdered-metal products division at the plant and a former president of its union, spells it out bluntly: "In my eyes, Remington goes

away, Ilion goes away." Remington, which has its headquarters in North Carolina, employs more than a thousand people at its Ilion plant, a complex of four-story brick buildings, some still with creaky wood floors, that are connected by passageways. The plant looks like a relic of the Industrial Revolution; from the outside, at least, little

has changed since close to a century ago, when Remington expanded to meet the demand for firearms during World War I.

Ilion, which now has about 8,000 residents, developed around the plant, and the Remington name is ubiquitous here. Students at Remington Elementary School can see the factory from their playground; even the

doormat on the front steps at the Ilion police station notes, "Home of Remington." (Free gun locks are available inside.)

The company is a rare economic bright spot in the Mohawk Valley. The region has lost over 11,000 of its manufacturing jobs since 1990, or more than half, according to the State Labor Department.q



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Norway's Breivik declared sane; sentenced to prison

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Associated Press

OSLO, Norway (AP) — It was during breaks between marathon video game sessions in his mother's apartment in Oslo that Anders Behring Breivik drafted his complicated and chilling plan.

He would kill indiscriminately with explosives and guns, surrender to authorities if he survived, then prove himself sane in court — all to publicize a manifesto accusing Muslims of destroying European society.

By any account, the attack went exactly as he intended. A court ruled Friday that Breivik was sane when he killed 77 people, most of them teenagers, in attacks that shook Norway to its core.

"His goal was to be declared sane, so on that point he is satisfied," said Breivik's defense lawyer, Geir Lippestad.

The Oslo district court found the 33-year-old right-wing extremist guilty of terrorism and premeditated murder for the twin attacks on July 22 last year. Breivik

first bombed government headquarters, killing eight people, before going on a shooting massacre on Utoya island that left 69 dead at a summer camp for young members of the governing Labor Party.

Prosecutors had asked for an insanity ruling, which Breivik rejected as an attempt to deflate his radical anti-Muslim views. He smiled with apparent satisfaction when the five-judge panel declared him sane and sentenced him to a 21-year prison sentence that can be extended for as long as he's considered dangerous to society. Legal experts say that likely means he will be locked up for life.

"He has killed 77 people, most of them youth, who were shot without mercy, face to face. The cruelty is unparalleled in Norwegian history," Judge Arne Lyng said. "This means that the defendant even after serving 21 years in prison would be a very dangerous man." In his final words, Breivik regretted not killing more people, apologizing to other "militant nationalists"

for not achieving an even higher death toll. He said he wouldn't appeal the ruling because that would "legitimize" a court he said got its mandate from a political system that supports multiculturalism.

Prosecutors also said they would not appeal, bringing the legal process for Norway's worst peacetime massacre to an end and

providing closure for victims' families and survivors, who have had to endure weeks of testimony from Breivik describing the victims as traitors for embracing immigration.

"I am very relieved and happy about the outcome," said Tore Sinding Bekkedal, who survived the Utoya shooting. "I believe he is mad, but it is po-

litical madness and not psychiatric madness. He is a pathetic and sad little person." From Europe's far right, the reaction was mixed. Some argued that Friday's verdict played into their core beliefs, though they have spoken out against his violent rampage.

"It was obviously wrong what he did, but there was logic to all of it," said Stephen Lennon, the 29-year-old leader of the English Defense League, an anti-Muslim group. "By saying that he was sane, it gives a certain credibility to what he had been saying. And that is, that Islam is a threat to Europe and to the world."

Frank Franz, a spokesman for the German far-right party NPD, distanced his party from Breivik.

"We consider his deeds to be those of a murderer. It's as simple as that," Franz said. "For us, it had nothing to do with politics."

During the trial, Breivik said his massacre was meant to draw attention to a manual of far-right terrorism that he released on the Internet just before the attacks. □



The defence team members Geir Lippestad, left, and Vibeke Hein Baera react with terror accused Anders Behring Breivik at centre, as the Oslo Court passes judgment against him in Court Friday, Aug. 24, 2012, in Oslo, Norway. The Norwegian court sentenced Anders Behring Breivik to prison on Friday, denying prosecutors the insanity ruling they hoped would show that his massacre of 77 people was the work of a madman, not part of an anti-Muslim crusade. Reading the ruling, Judge Wenche Elisabeth Arntzen handed down a sentence of "preventive detention" of at least 10-years and a maximum of 21-years. (AP Photo/Heiko Junge/Pool)

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Greenpeace activists storm Russian oil rig

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Associated Press

MOSCOW (AP) — Greenpeace activists were first offered hot soup, then showered with blasts of cold water and pieces of metal after they stormed a floating Russia oil platform and erected climbing tents on the side of the rig Friday to protest drilling in the Arctic. The six activists, who include Greenpeace executive director Kumi Naidoo, spent several hours hanging off the side of the Prirazlomnaya platform in the Pechora Sea attached to the rig's mooring lines. They had prepared for a long occupation by bringing up supplies, including the tents, but evacuated after rig workers threw pieces of metal at them.

"Not just hosed water, but now metal being thrown by Gazprom crew at our activists," he said in a tweet, referring to the workers of a subsidiary of Russian energy company Gazprom that owns and operates the rig. "We're coming down." In response to a question



Greenpeace activists including Executive Director of Greenpeace International, Kumi Naidoo, board energy giant Gazprom's Arctic oil platform Prirazlomnaya off the North-eastern coast of Russia in the Pechora Sea on Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. Greenpeace activists have stormed a floating oil rig in Russia's Pechora Sea to protest oil drilling in the Arctic, the environmental organization said on Friday.

(AP Photo/ Denis Sinyakov, Greenpeace)

from the Los Angeles Times sent to him later through Twitter, Naidoo said the activists had indeed left the platform. Gazprom officials were not immediately available for comment on

whether workers had used hoses on and threw metal objects at the activists. Initially, two helicopters arrived at the platform, but left without disturbing the protesters. The activists

managed to put a banner on the rig saying "Don't kill the Arctic." "We're here peacefully and we will continue to draw the attention of Russian people and people

around the world to what's happening there," Naidoo told The Associated Press by telephone from the platform hours before evacuating. "It's bad for Russia, it's bad for the planet."

Gazprom is pioneering Russia's oil drilling in the Arctic. The state-owned company installed the platform there last year and is preparing to drill the first well.

At first, crew members were friendly and offered them soup, said Naidoo, who was also able to tweet while still suspended from the rig.

"Gazprom crew told to make life difficult; regular blasts of icy water," one tweet said. An accompanying photo showed a stream of water hitting two of the activists.

Naidoo said the air temperature was 9 C (48 F), while the water was 8 C (46 F).

Gazprom told the AP in an emailed statement that the activists "have been invited to scale up to the platform for a constructive dialogue," but said that they refused. □

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World Briefs

3,000 protest racism in Greece

ATHENS, Greece (AP) — Greek police say up to 3,000 people have participated in a peaceful demonstration by immigrant groups in Athens to protest racist attacks in the crisis-struck country.

Protesters, most of who were from Pakistan, marched to Parliament shouting slogans and brandishing banners. Friday's march was held to protest increasing racist attacks and alleged cases of police brutality against immigrants. Greece is the main entry point for illegal immigrants seeking a better life in the European Union. The massive influx coincided with a spike in crime, and contributed to the sharp rise of the extreme-right, anti-immigrant Golden Dawn group that won 18 of Parliament's 300 seats in June's national elections. Golden Dawn supporters have been repeatedly accused of violent attacks on immigrants, which the group says it does not condone.

Cruise ship rescues 58 Haitians

CANCUN, Mexico (AP) — The Allure of the Seas cruise ship has rescued 58 Haitian citizens stranded in the Caribbean and has taken them to the Mexican island of Cozumel. Royal Caribbean International spokeswoman Cynthia Martinez says a guest spotted a boat and alerted the crew Thursday afternoon as they were heading from St. Maarten to Cozumel. Martinez said Friday the Haitians indicated they didn't need any assistance and the cruise ship continued on its voyage. The captain informed the U.S. Coast Guard, which later asked him to go back and help them. She said the ship rescued the 47 men, 7 women and four teenagers and gave them food, water and medical treatment. They were turned over to the Mexican Navy Friday when the ship arrived in Mexico. □

Syrian regime airstrikes kill 21

BEIRUT (AP) — A government warplane bombed an apartment building in eastern Syria on Friday, killing at least 21 people as the regime fought to claw back ground lost to rebel fighters in the area who have made significant advances in the city, activists said. In Damascus, shells from mountains overlooking the Syrian capital crashed into the rebellious suburb of Daraya as part of a days-long regime offensive to regain control of the area. Activists said at least 15 people were killed in the shelling and clashes. The air raid on Mayadin occurred after rebels gained control of a key checkpoint on a bridge over the Euphrates River there, local activist Abu Omar al-Deery said. He claimed that rebels have largely gained control of Mayadin for the first time in the 17-month-old uprising in Syria, adding that the only part still in regime hands is an artillery position on a hill overlooking the city. □

Japan condemns China, South Korea on 'illegal' island landings

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TOKYO (AP) — Japan on Friday called on South Korea to end its "illegal occupation" of tiny islets and condemned China for its claims over separate islands, saying it would not tolerate recent unauthorized landings by Chinese activists and the South Korean president. Parliament passed symbolic resolutions condemning South Korean President Lee Myung-bak's visit to the tiny, rocky outcroppings in the Sea of Japan earlier this month and accusing China of allowing activists to land a few days later on a disputed East China Sea island chain.

"Since earlier this month, a series of incidents have occurred, threatening to violate our sovereignty, which we find extremely regrettable. We do not tolerate these actions," Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda told a news conference.

Noda said that Lee had "illegally landed" on the islands that Japan and South Korea both claim. They are called Takeshima in Japanese and Dokdo in Korean. "We condemn (Lee's landing) and strongly demand South Korea end its illegal occupation of Takeshima as soon as possible," a resolution passed Friday by lawmakers said.

It was the strongest language so far in a dispute that has sent the two countries' relations to the lowest levels in years.

Then last week, a boatful of Chinese activists travelled from Hong Kong to islands

in the East China Sea that are controlled by Japan but also claimed by China and Taiwan to push China's claim. All 14 activists were arrested for illegal entry onto one of the islands — known as Senkaku in Japan

national forums.

Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Hong Lei reiterated Beijing's claim to the islands. "It is illegal and futile for Japan to strengthen its claim by approving the resolution," he said in a state-



Japanese Prime Minister Yoshihiko Noda arrives at a press conference at his official residence in Tokyo, Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. Japan's relations with Seoul have rapidly deteriorated since South Korean President Lee Myung-bak visited tiny islets in the Sea of Japan this month to push his country's claim to them. Days later, a boatful of Chinese activists landed on a group of East China Sea islands claimed by Japan, China and Taiwan. Noda said Japan will strengthen security around the East China Sea islands to prevent future landing attempts. (AP Photo/Itsuo Inouye)

and Diaoyu in China — released two days later and deported.

Noda, who has come under pressure from critics to take tougher action to protect the islands, announced that Japan would strengthen its patrols in the area around the Senkaku/Diaoyu so further "incursions by foreigners" do not take place. He also said Japan would further push its position that the islands are Japanese territory in inter-

ment. "It does not change the fact that the islands belong to China."

The Chinese activists' landing and a retaliatory one to the same islands last weekend by nationalist Japanese have made the issue one of the biggest territorial flare-ups between the two Asian giants in years, amid persistent animosities over Japan's imperialist past and new fears of China's rising economic and military clout. □

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The body of an Italian organized crime boss, Gaetano Marino, lies near a car as a forensic policeman stands in front of him in Terracina, central Italy. Authorities are searching for two men who shot and killed Marino who was vacationing on a beach with his family south of Rome. (AP Photo/Fabio Pirazzi)

Camorra crime boss shot dead leaving beach

MILAN (AP) — Authorities were searching Friday for a gunman who shot and killed an organized crime boss clad in a swimsuit as he walked from a beach to join his family at a hotel in a resort town south of Rome. Gaetano Marino — a boss from the Neapolitan Camorra — was hit by at least four shots to the head and another five or six to his back Thursday afternoon after he left the beach en route to his hotel in Terracina, 100 kilometers (60 miles) south of Rome in Lazio region. His family had gone ahead of him back to the hotel, police said. The shooting caused panic along the crowded beach, and witnesses told police the gunman fled the scene in a small gray car driven by a second man. □

Nicaragua seizes \$7 million from fake journalists

MANAGUA, Nicaragua (AP) — Nicaraguan police found about \$7 million in smuggled cash in vans driven by people posing as members of a Mexican television news crew, National Police chief Aminta Granera announced Friday. The 18 people travelling in six vans were detained Wednesday at Nicaragua's northern border with Honduras, after they entered Nicaragua saying they had come to cover the trial of suspects linked to the 2011 killing of Argentine folk singer Facundo Cabral. That trial involves accusations of massive money laundering. Some of the vans were painted with the logo of Mexico's Televisa network, which says it has no connection to the suspects. At least one van carried on its roof what appeared to be the kind of satellite dish that television networks

use for remote transmissions. Televisa said it had no reporters in Nicaragua, nor had it sent anyone there. Granera said the suspects told police about 25 bundles hidden in the vans that contained the cash. She said the elaborate ruse was intended to smuggle

the cash through Nicaragua to the neighboring nation of Costa Rica to the south. Mexican drug cartels frequently buy Colombian cocaine to ship north to the U.S. market, and often must smuggle cash proceeds from the drug sales back

down south to pay the Colombia suppliers. Granera said that Interpol and the Mexican embassy had confirmed that at least some of the suspects were Mexicans, and that several had been identified as employees of private security firms from Tamaulipas, the northern Mexico border state that is home to the Zetas and Gulf drug cartels. The suspects told border guards they were entering the country to cover the drug-trafficking and organized-crime trial of suspects linked to the 2011 killing of Argentine folk singer Facundo Cabral. Officials say the gang that allegedly carried out that attack was in fact targeting a man riding with Cabral that day, Henry Farinas. Prosecutors say Farinas was an associate of the gang along with Costa Rican Alejandro Jimenez Gonzalez, who allegedly ordered the attack on Farinas in retaliation for a purported betrayal. □



Nicaragua National Police present 18 foreigners believed to be Mexican nationals who posed as Televisa journalists, in Managua, Nicaragua, Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. Police Commissioner Aminta Granera said the men posed as Televisa journalists to cover the trial of Nicaraguan businessman Henry Fariñas, survivor of an attack that killed the singer Facundo Cabral last year. The Mexican ambassador to Nicaragua confirmed that the Mexican news channel has no correspondents in Nicaragua. It is unclear why the men were posing as journalists. (AP Photo/Esteban Felix)

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China besieged by glut of unsold goods

KEITH BRADSHER

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GUANGZHOU, China – After three decades of torrid growth, China is encountering an unfamiliar problem with its newly struggling economy: a huge buildup of unsold goods that is cluttering shop floors, clogging car dealerships and filling factory warehouses.

The glut of everything from steel and household appliances to cars and apartments is hampering China's efforts to emerge from a sharp economic slowdown. It has also produced a series of price wars and has led manufacturers to redouble efforts to export what they cannot sell at home.

The severity of China's inventory overhang has been carefully masked by the blocking or adjusting of economic data by the Chinese government – all part of an effort to prop up confidence in the economy among business managers and investors.

But the main nongovernment survey of manufac-

turers in China showed on Thursday that inventories of finished goods rose much faster in August than in any month since the survey

"Across the manufacturing industries we look at, people were expecting more sales over the summer and it just didn't happen," said

added, "Things are kind of crawling to a halt."

Problems in China give some economists nightmares, in which the United States and much of the world slip back into recession, in the worst case, as the Chinese economy sputters, the European currency zone unravels and policymakers in the United States are paralyzed by political gridlock.

China is the world's second-largest economy and has been the largest engine of economic growth since the global financial crisis began in 2008. Economic weakness means that China is likely to buy fewer goods and services from abroad at a time when the sovereign debt crisis in Europe is already hurting demand, raising the prospect of a global glut of goods and falling prices and weak production around the world.

Chinese export growth, a mainstay of the economy for the last three decades, has slowed to a crawl. Imports have also practically stopped growing, particu-

larly for raw materials like iron ore for steel making, as industrialists have lost confidence that they will be able to sell if they keep factories running. Real estate prices have slid sharply, although there have been hints that they might have bottomed out in July, and money has been leaving the country through a variety of legal and illegal channels.

Interviews with business owners and managers across a wide range of Chinese industries presented a picture of mounting stockpiles of unsold goods.

Business owners who manufacture or distribute products as varied as dehumidifiers, plastic tubing for ventilation systems, solar panels, bedsheets and steel beams for false ceilings said that sales had fallen over the last year and showed little sign of recovering.

"Sales are down 50 percent from last year, and inventory is piled high," said To Liangjian, the owner of a wholesale company distributing picture frames and cups, as he paused while playing online poker in his deserted storefront here in southeastern China.

Wu Weiqing, the manager of a faucet and sink wholesaler, said that his sales had dropped 30 percent in the last year and he has piled up extra merchandise. Yet the factory supplying him is still cranking out shiny kitchen fixtures at a fast pace.

"My supplier's inventory is huge because he cannot cut production – he doesn't want to miss out on sales when the demand comes back," he said.

Part of the problem is that the Chinese government's leaders have decided to put quality-of-life concerns ahead of maximizing economic growth when it comes to two of the country's largest industries: housing and autos.

Premier Wen Jiabao has imposed a strict ban on purchases of second and subsequent homes, in the hope that discouraging real estate speculation will improve the affordability of homes. □



Bags of toys stored at a shop in a wholesale market in Guangzhou, China, Aug. 22, 2012. The severity of China's inventory overhang has been carefully masked by the blocking or adjusting of economic data by the Chinese government -- all part of an effort to prop up confidence in its economy.

(Forbes Conrad/The New York Times)

began in April 2004. The previous record for rising inventories, according to the HSBC/Markit survey, had been set in June. May and July also showed increases.

Anne Stevenson-Yang, the research director for J Capital Research, an economic analysis firm in Hong Kong. With inventories extremely high and factories now cutting production, she

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smoked beef brisket, pulled pork, ribs, and chicken along with homemade side dishes and sauces from my wife's southern roots and family recipes,” explains Michael, “and travelers appreciate a good, no-fuss meal no matter the setting.”

Trip Advisor is the world's largest travel site, recognizing the power and value of true traveler feedback. Because of Hollywood Smokehouse's exceptional ratings over the past year, with a consistent rating of 5.0, they have “earned a place among the very best,” says

Trip Advisor President Christine Petersen.

Hollywood Smokehouse was originally located in the historic Hollywood building in San Nicolas, but recently reopened in the hotel area at Pos Aboa 41 in Bubali (near the Sasakiweg roundabout by Texaco and Pizza Hut on the main strip).

The restaurant is open weekends only from noon to 8pm, offering takeaway style, but The Old Dutch Bar next door welcomes guests to sit and enjoy barbecue washed down with cold beers and drinks at local prices.



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The donkey then had to wear a plaster cast for three weeks; we kept her skin clean and disinfected and now she only has a tiny scar to



prove that she has ever been injured. Coco is not limping any longer and together with her fast friend Maartje she is enjoying her life at the Donkey Sanctuary. This beautiful donkey has been provided with a chip, just like all the other

donkeys.

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cared for, they are fed and watered and when they are sick the vet is called. Yes, they are expensive customers for the sanctuary.

The volunteers are trying to cover the various costs with all kinds of activities and the sale of great donkey memorabilia in the shop.

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Everyone is welcome to visit the sanctuary, which has opening hours from 9 am until 4 pm and in the weekend from 10 am until 3.

Entry is free of charge and one can enjoy a soft drink, a cup of coffee or a refreshing ice cream.

The volunteers of the

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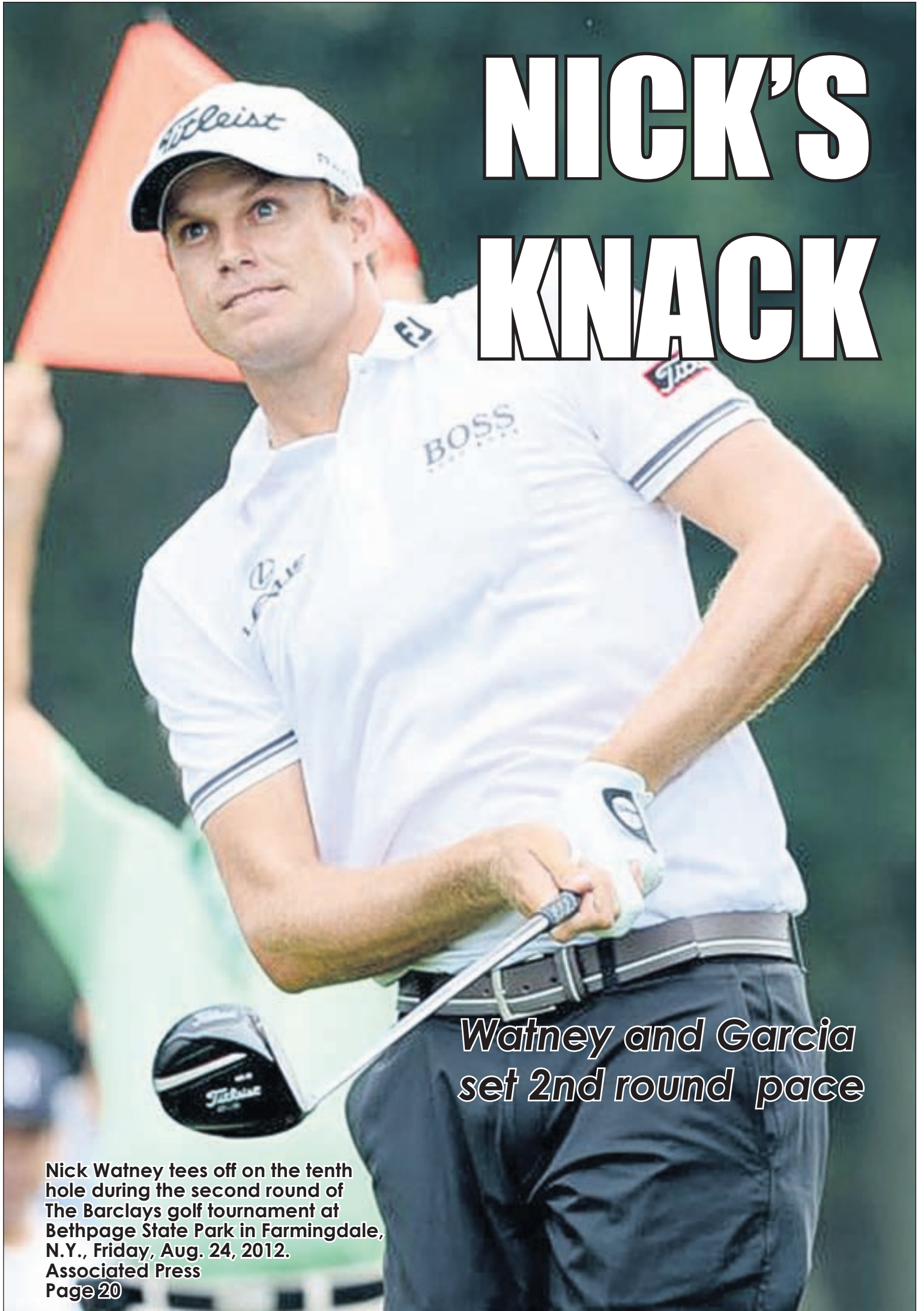


In this July 24, 2005, file photo, overall leader Lance Armstrong signals seven for his seventh straight win in the Tour de France cycling race as he pedals during the 21st and final stage of the race between Corbeil-Essonnes, south of Paris, and the French capital.
Associated Press

Armstrong's fall from grace may help cycling

GREG KELLER
Associated Press
PARIS (AP) — Cycling supporters say that Lance Armstrong's fall from grace, while sad, may benefit the sport in the future by demonstrating to potential cheaters what can happen to them — eventually — if they dope.
Former Tour de France champion Bernard Thevenet told French newspaper Le Monde that Armstrong's lifetime ban and loss of his seven Tour de France titles "is really a very strong message to cycling and those around the sport who might be tempted to cheat."
Cycling's credibility has been repeatedly battered since the Festina scandal in 1998, when entire teams were ejected from the race after carloads of drugs were found by police.

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NICK'S KNACK

Watney and Garcia set 2nd round pace

Nick Watney tees off on the tenth hole during the second round of The Barclays golf tournament at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y., Friday, Aug. 24, 2012.
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Wozniacki retires with knee injury at New Haven



Caroline Wozniacki, of Denmark, speaks with reporters after retiring from her semifinal match, after losing the first set 7-5, against Maria Kirilenko, of Russia, at the New Haven Open tennis tournament in New Haven, Conn., on Friday, Aug. 24, 2012.

Associated Press

By PAT EATON-ROBB

Associated Press

NEW HAVEN, Conn. (AP)

— Caroline Wozniacki's 20-match winning streak in New Haven ended Friday when the four-time defending champion retired

from her semifinal match with Maria Kirilenko with a knee injury.

Wozniacki, who injured the right knee in her quarterfinal win Thursday, called for the trainer right after dropping the first set of the semi-

final 7-5 to the 25-year-old Russian.

"I could feel it from the start," she said. "But, you know, it just started to get a bit worse. I decided to stop because if you don't feel a hundred percent, you can't compete at a hundred percent. It's better to let it rest. I wasn't going to win this match anyways if I'm not on a hundred percent fit level."

The third-seeded Dane had won all 20 matches she played at the tournament since entering as a relatively unknown 18-year-old in 2008. She hadn't dropped a set here since the 2010 final.

Wozniacki was trying to join Martina Navratilova, Steffi Graf and Chris Evert as the only players to win five consecutive championships at the same tour-

namment.

"You know, you defend it again and again, all of a sudden you're in this elite group that has won a tournament four times," she said. "I mean, there's a lot of players that never win a tournament and there's a lot of players that never win four. Winning the same one four times in a row is definitely special." That was part of the reason she decided to play Friday, despite the injury, which she suffered on a backhand return in the opening game of the second set Thursday against Dominika Cibulkova. She went on to win that match 6-2, 6-1 after getting the knee taped.

She said medical experts had told her she would not hurt the knee further by playing Friday. She seemed to move well during the

match, but had a hard time with Kirilenko's serve and did not get single break point in the set.

Kirilenko broke Wozniacki in the 11th game and served out the set to avoid a tie-breaker. "She was fighting," Kirilenko said. "She was running. When I hit a great shot, she couldn't run for it. She made the right decision. She has to take a rest before the U.S. Open." The 25-year-old Russian will play either Sara Errani or Petra Kvitova in the finals, the first in the United States for the Olympic doubles bronze medalist.

"Every match I feel that I'm improving," Kirilenko said. "I found the way to play again on hard court, as grass court is different completely than hard. Today I played, I think, the best tennis in this tournament." □

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WNBA Roundup

Sparks win 101-77 to end Silver Stars streak at 12

The Associated Press
LOS ANGELES (AP) — Los Angeles' Kristi Toliver matched career highs with 29 points and six 3-pointers to lead the Sparks to a 101-77 win over San Antonio on Thursday, emphatically ending the Silver Stars' 12-game WNBA winning streak.

Alana Beard added 21 points as Los Angeles extended a winning run of its own to eight games and moved within a game of Western Conference leader Minnesota.

Los Angeles avenged a loss to San Antonio at June 24 which was its only home defeat in 12 games this year.

Danielle Robinson had a season-high 22 points for the Silver Stars.

Indiana 68, Seattle 66

The Indiana Fever also improved its playoff positioning by beating the Seattle



Seattle Storm's Sue Bird shoots over Indiana Fever's Katie Douglas (23) and Tamika Catchings (24) during a WNBA baseball game, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, in Seattle.

Associated Press

Storm 68-66, with Shavonte Zellous sinking a buzzer-beating 3-pointer.

Indiana scored the last 15 points of the game to stun the Storm, and crept within 3 1-2 games of Eastern Conference leader Connecticut.

Tamika Catchings had 18 points and 11 rebounds to lead the Fever, who trailed by 13 with 4:04 to go.

Camille Little scored 15 points to lead Seattle, who were 0 for 5 from the field and committed four turnovers over the final 3:50.

The loss spoiled Lauren Jackson's anticipated season debut with the Storm. The three-time MVP, who missed the first half of the season while training with the Australian national team for the Olympics, finished with four points and six rebounds in about 24 minutes. In Thursday's other game, New York Liberty beat Phoenix 89-77, handing the Mercury their ninth loss on the trot. □



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Watney, Garcia share lead at The Barclays

DOUG FERGUSON

AP Golf Writer

FARMINGDALE, New York

(AP) — Nick Watney and a resurgent Sergio Garcia shared the lead in The Barclays after Friday's second round while Tiger Woods played through back pain to stay within range.

Garcia, who won last week for his first PGA Tour win in four years, had a 68. Watney had a 69, giving him a share of the 36-hole lead and a chance to salvage a dismal year. They were at 8-under 134.

Woods felt a twinge in his lower back when he awoke and felt pain throughout the second round at Bethpage Black. He had a 69 and was three shots out of the lead going into the weekend, where some two dozen players were separated by only five shots.

"Must have slept funny on it," Woods said. "Soft beds at the hotel, and woke up this morning with it stiff. As I warmed up, it got progressively worse, and then you saw what happened on the golf course. It hurt all day."

Garcia made bogey on the third hole with what he called his worst swing of the week and atoned for that with a tee shot on the par-5 fourth that restored his momentum and sent him to a 68. Watney, whose season has been so dismal that he isn't even in the Ryder Cup conversation as a potential pick, went eagle-birdie on the par 5s on the front nine and then survived a roller coaster of birdies and bo-

geys on the back nine.

Vijay Singh, who last won a PGA Tour event in 2008 when he captured the opening two playoff events and sailed to the FedEx Cup title, played bogey-free for a 67 and was one shot out of the lead, along with Bob Estes, who had a 66. John Senden (68) and Pat Perez (70) were another stroke back at 6-under 136.

Rory McIlroy noticed Woods wincing on the opening tee shot. About an hour later, McIlroy felt his own pain with sloppy mistakes during a four-hole stretch, three of them bogeys, that left him outside the cut line. But not for long. The PGA champion bounced back with an 18-foot birdie putt on the ninth, added two more birdies and had a 73.

The cut was at 1-over 143, ending the FedEx Cup playoffs for the likes of Robert Allenby, Ryder Cup captain Davis Love III and Heath Slocum, who narrowly got into the 125-man field at the start of the playoffs.

Garcia didn't look as though he would be around the PGA Tour's version of a postseason until winning last week in North Carolina.

"Golf is a funny game," Garcia said. "When you think that you have it under control, it kicks you down. And then all of a sudden, it gives you something to live it again. If I'm not hitting the shots, then it doesn't help." He hit plenty of good ones at Bethpage, including a chip-in for birdie from be-



Tiger Woods blasts out of a sand trap on the second hole during the second round of The Barclays golf tournament at Bethpage State Park in Farmingdale, N.Y., Friday, Aug. 24, 2012.

Associated Press

hind the green at No. 2, the drive that pleased him so much on No. 4, and an 8-iron from 171 yards on the tough fifth hole to about 8 feet for birdie.

Garcia announced after the round that he would not play in the Deutsche Bank Championship next week at the TPC Boston, saying he wanted to stay fresh for the Ryder Cup. Watney hasn't given himself many chances this year, but if his game isn't coming around, at least his attitude is.

"If a football team is struggling, they win one game, it's not really a success," Watney said. "But in golf if you're struggling, you win one tournament, all of a sudden ... I don't know how Sergio was playing, but he wins last week and he's right up there again

this week. He's climbing the rankings and all that stuff. Golf is funny in that way. Just a couple little things here and there, and all of a sudden you're playing great."

There was evidence of that all over Bethpage.

Padraig Harrington opened with a 64 and revived talk about his slim chances of making the European Ryder Cup. Then, he bogeyed his opening three holes and had to grind out a 75 to stay in the mix at 3-under 139. McIlroy went from three straight bogeys and three birdies in five holes. Singh was a forgotten Fijian until he shared the 36-hole lead with Woods at the PGA Championship, and now goes into another weekend with high hopes. "I'm playing as good as I did in any part of my ca-

reer," Singh said. "I'm hitting the ball as long. I'm hitting the ball straighter. I feel a lot of confidence in me. It's just I need to get some kind of momentum going. I thought I had it at the PGA, but I kind of let it slip there on Sunday."

Woods' discomfort became evident in the middle of the back nine, especially stooping over so carefully to pluck the ball out of the cup that it looked like he was doing a curtsy. The worst of it came on the par-5 13th, when he drove into a fairway bunker. Walking down the slope, he lost his footing, both feet landed in the sand with a thud. He stooped over to catch his breath, blasted out and eventually had to play a nifty pitch-and-run from the back slope of a cross bunker to save his par. □

NL Capsules

Mayberry's hit lifts Phillies over Reds 4-3 in 11

The Associated Press
PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Mayberry Jr. hit an RBI single in the bottom of the 11th inning to lift the Philadelphia Phillies to a 4-3 victory over the Cincinnati Reds on Thursday night.

Todd Frazier drove in all three runs for the NL Central-leading Reds, who were seeking their first series win in Philadelphia since 2006.

The Phillies tied it in the eighth on Jimmy Rollins' sacrifice fly and won it on Mayberry's hit off Alfredo Simon (2-2) to split the four-game set. They took over sole possession of third place in the NL East for the first time since April.

Raul Valdes (3-2) worked a scoreless 11th for the win. Philadelphia's bullpen pitched five hitless innings. In a matchup between NL Cy Young Award candidates, neither Johnny Cueto nor Cole Hamels was sharp.

CARDINALS 13, ASTROS 5 ST. LOUIS (AP) — David

Freese's three-run homer snapped the Cardinals' seven-game longball drought and St. Louis beat Houston to complete a three-game sweep.

Freese and Matt Holliday each had four RBIs and Allen Craig had three hits and three RBIs. The Cardinals shrugged aside a 4-0, fourth-inning deficit and sent Houston to its seventh straight loss.

The Astros are 0-4 while getting outscored 32-8 since interim manager Tony DeFrancesco replaced Brad Mills as leader of the stripped-down roster. Houston has won just seven of its last 50 overall. The Astros were swept for the third time this month and 12th overall.

Holliday's three-run double in the fifth was the go-ahead blow. Astros rookie Dallas Keuchel (1-6) was charged with five earned runs in four-plus innings.

Jake Westbrook (13-9) won for the fourth time in five starts. The Cardinals

totalled 17 hits and were 10 for 14 with runners in scoring position.

ROCKIES 1, METS 0

NEW YORK (AP) — Collin McHugh pitched two-hit ball over seven scoreless innings for New York in his major league debut, but Colorado completed its second straight four-game sweep at Citi Field.

Rookie center fielder Jordany Valdespin misplayed Tyler Colvin's leadoff drive in the eighth into a game-changing triple. Chris Nelson hit an RBI single through the drawn-in infield.

The last-place Rockies tied a season high with their fifth straight win and completed their second four-game sweep in two years at Citi Field.

McHugh pitched masterfully in place of injured Johan Santana with nine strikeouts and one walk. But after he left, the Rockies broke through quickly against Bobby Parnell (2-3).



Philadelphia Phillies' John Mayberry Jr., left, watches his single to left field in front of Cincinnati Reds' Dioner Navarro in the eleventh inning of a baseball game on Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012, in Philadelphia. The Phillies won 4-3.

Associated Press

Rex Brothers (8-2) pitched two innings for the win. Matt Belisle, Colorado's fifth pitcher, got his first save since June 22, 2010.

The punchless Mets went 0 for 10 with runners in scoring position and were held to two runs or fewer for the sixth straight game, the first time that's happened since a streak of seven in

a row in September 1982, according to STATS LLC. The Mets dropped to 11-28 since the All-Star break, which includes a 2-14 mark at home.

GIANTS 5, BRAVES 2

SAN FRANCISCO (AP) — Barry Zito took a three-hit shutout into the ninth inning and Hector Sanchez's two-run double highlighted a four-run fifth for San Francisco in its fourth straight win.

Fresh off a sweep at Los Angeles, the NL West leaders won behind Zito (10-8), who allowed five hits, struck out five and walked three before Freddie Freeman's two-run double off reliever Jeremy Affeldt broke up the shutout.

With two runners on, Sergio Romo got pinch-hitters Jason Heyward and Juan Francisco to ground out for his sixth save.

Hunter Pence, Brandon Belt and Pablo Sandoval all drove in runs to chase Atlanta starter Tommy Hanson (12-6) after 4 1-3 innings. Hanson gave up five hits and five runs while striking out four and walking three.

San Francisco has won nine of 12 to take a three-game lead over the Dodgers in the division

In other NL games it was Colorado 1, N.Y. Mets 0; St. Louis 13, Houston 5; Philadelphia 4, Cincinnati 3, 11 innings; and San Francisco 5, Atlanta 2. □

Armstrong

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The punishments imposed Friday by U.S. anti-doping authorities on one of sport's most highly acclaimed figures follows on sanctions handed to Armstrong's contemporaries Floyd Landis, Jan Ullrich and Alberto Contador.

That four of the sport's top figures of the last 20 years have been sanctioned is seen by many as a sign that cycling is gradually cleaning up its act — and mapping a positive way ahead.

Tour de France organizers declined to make any detailed comment on Armstrong's case, saying they would wait for a detailed explanation of the official decision from USADA and the UCI, cycling's governing body.

Five-time Tour winner Bernard Hinault was dismissive of how Armstrong's case had been handled.

"Frankly, I don't give a damn," Hinault told Ouest France newspaper. "It's his problem, not mine. This problem should have been settled 10 or 15 years ago." Two-time Tour winner Thevenet said that Armstrong's downfall "is very bad news for cycling" though balanced by the potential deterrent effect for the future.

At the grassroots level, little change is expected to come from cycling's latest scandal.

The cycling boom that Armstrong is credited with sparking in the U.S. continued both during his 2006-08 absence from the sport and since his retirement, according to figures from USA Cycling. Numbers show an uninterrupted increase in USA Cycling's membership, to 70,829 last year from 69,771 a year earlier.

The former deputy head of the Tour de France said the latest twist in Armstrong's case "isn't a surprise,



his April 1, 2012 file photo shows seven-time Tour de France champion Lance Armstrong grimacing during a news conference after the Memorial Hermann Ironman 70.3 Texas triathlon in Galveston, Texas. A federal judge in Austin, Texas, has thrown out Lance Armstrong's lawsuit against the U.S. Anti-Doping Agency, an attempt to stop the drug case against the seven-time Tour de France winner.

Associated Press

we've been expecting this for a while." Daniel Baal, the Tour deputy director from 2001 to 2004, the pinnacle of Armstrong's reign, said cycling authorities must not stop pursuing others connected to any doping uncovered by the Arm-

strong investigation.

"My only wish is that USADA go all the way and lay out the whole dossier, because we have to know everything, especially all the accomplices who supported Lance Armstrong," Baal said on France Info radio.

West Nile virus causes kidney disease, Houston study finds

Todd Ackerman
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 The West Nile virus is considered an acute threat, causing death or brain-related disability in a tiny fraction of cases, but a new Houston study suggests it routinely can result in serious, lasting damage.
 Baylor College of Medicine researchers studying

senior author. "Healthy people appear to be quite at risk of kidney disease from bites, too." Murray said she was very surprised by the study findings - that West Nile-related kidney disease is occurring, that it's common and that it's even very likely to affect infected people who never had symptoms. She

rus, many of whom don't know it.

Texas is in the midst of its most prolific West Nile season ever, although the greatest numbers by far are occurring in the northern part of the state. Dallas County has confirmed 270 human cases of West Nile disease and 14 deaths this year. Harris County has had 19 cases and three deaths. Still, Harris County's deaths so far represent the most at this point of the season in recent years. Wednesday night, it conducted aerial spraying of 63,000 acres in the west and north.

U.S. health officials said Wednesday that Texas' active season has the nation on pace for the largest outbreak ever. National numbers lag behind the local numbers, but the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention is reporting 1,118 West Nile illnesses, up from fewer than 700 cases a week ago. The CDC reports 41 deaths.

Only one in 150 infected get severe symptoms from West Nile disease, which can lead to imbalance, coma, paralysis and death. But the conventional wisdom has been that people without symptoms - eight of 10 of those infected - and people who recover from mild cases are then immune from the disease.

In her study of 139 Houston-area people infected with the virus and followed for 10 years, however, Murray found that the virus commonly takes residence in the kidney and replicates there, resulting in inflammation and disease as the body tries to fight the infection.

People who survived the disease's most severe symptoms were most likely to have suffered kidney damage - 60 percent, within seven to nine years after infection - but a significant percentage of disease occurred in all groups. In those who never had symptoms, 39 percent had kidney disease four to six years later. □



Mosquito tech Spencer Lockwood sorts mosquitos at the Dallas County mosquito lab in Dallas, Thursday, Aug. 23, 2012. Baylor College of Medicine researchers studying local people in years after they were infected with the mosquito-borne infection found four in 10 had varying stages of chronic kidney disease related to the virus. The kidney disease is potentially fatal.

(AP Photo/LM Otero)

local people in years after they were infected with the mosquito-borne infection found four in 10 had varying stages of chronic kidney disease related to the virus. The kidney disease is potentially fatal.

"This demonstrates that everybody, not just the elderly and the immune-compromised, needs to take precautions against mosquitoes," said Kristy Murray, a professor of tropical medicine at Baylor College of Medicine and the study's

focused on kidney disease after learning about a few study participants' unexpected development of kidney problems.

Because of the study, published online in the journal PLoS, the team is advising doctors to screen patients with any history of West Nile infection for kidney disease and those with unexplained kidney disease for the virus, Murray said. She estimated that roughly 45,000 Houston-area people have been infected with the vi-

Court: Government can fund embryonic stem cell research

JESSE J. HOLLAND
 Associated Press

WASHINGTON (AP) — A U.S. appeals court on Friday refused to order the Obama administration to stop funding embryonic stem cell research, despite complaints the work relies on destroyed human embryos.

The U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals for the Washington area upheld a lower court decision throwing out a lawsuit that challenged federal funding for the research, which is used in pursuit of cures to deadly diseases. Opponents claimed the National Institutes of Health was violating the 1996 Dickey-Wicker law that prohibits taxpayer financing for work that harms an embryo.

But a three-judge appeals court panel unanimously agreed with a lower court judge's dismissal of the case. This is the second time the appeals court has said that the challenged federal funding of embryonic stem cell research was permissible.

"Dickey-Wicker permits federal funding of research projects that utilize already-derived ESCs — which are not themselves embryos — because no 'human embryo or embryos are destroyed' in such projects,"

Chief Judge David B. Sentelle said in the ruling, adding that the plaintiffs made the same argument the last time the court reviewed the issue. "Therefore, unless they have established some 'extraordinary circumstance,' the law of the case is established and we will not revisit the issue."

Researchers hope one day to use stem cells in ways that cure spinal cord injuries, Parkinson's disease and other ailments. Opponents of the research object because the cells were obtained from destroyed human embryos.

Though current research is using cells culled long ago, opponents say they also fear research success would spur new embryo destruction.

Proponents say the research cells come mostly from extra embryos that fertility clinics would have discarded anyway.

The lawsuit was filed in 2009 by two scientists who argued that Obama's expansion jeopardized their ability to win government funding for research using adult stem cells — ones that have already matured to create specific types of tissues — because it will mean extra competition. □

Lilly Alzheimer's drug fails study but flashes potential

By TOM MURPHY
 Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS (AP) — A possible Alzheimer's disease treatment from drugmaker Eli Lilly missed the main goals of two late-stage studies, but the treatment showed some potential for slowing memory decline in patients with mild cases of the mind-robbing condition.

Shares of the Lilly climbed Friday after the Indianapolis company announced what could be a step toward a long-awaited breakthrough in the fight against a disease that has no cure and ultimately proves fatal. But doctors and Lilly officials cautioned against overreacting to the study's initial results.

Lilly said Friday that its treatment, solanezumab, failed to slow cognitive decline, which involves a person's ability to remember things, in two late-stage studies of about 1,000 patients each. But when data from the trials were combined, scientists saw a statistically significant slowing of the rate of cognitive decline in that bigger population.

They also saw a statistically significant result when they examined a subgroup of patients with mild cases of Alzheimer's disease. The studies focused on patients with mild to moderate Alzheimer's cases. □

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Verdict reached for Apple in Samsung case

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Associated Press

SAN JOSE, California (AP)

— After a year of scorched-earth litigation, a jury decided Friday that Samsung ripped off the innovative technology used by Apple to create its revolutionary iPhone and iPad.

The jury ordered Samsung to pay Apple \$1.05 billion. An appeal is expected.

Apple Inc. filed its patent infringement lawsuit in April 2011 and engaged legions of the country's highest-paid patent lawyers to demand \$2.5 billion from its top smartphone competitor. Samsung Electronics Co. fired back with its own lawsuit seeking \$399 million. During closing arguments, Apple attorney Harold McElhinny claimed Samsung was having a "crisis of design" after the 2007 launch of the iPhone, and executives with the South

Korean company were determined to illegally cash in on the success of the revolutionary device.

Samsung's lawyers countered that it was simply and legally giving consumers what they want: Smart phones with big screens. They said Samsung didn't violate any of Apple's patents and further alleged innovations claimed by Apple were actually created by other companies.

Samsung has emerged as one of Apple's biggest rivals and has overtaken Apple as the leading smartphone maker.

Samsung's Galaxy line of phones run on Android, a mobile operating system that Google Inc. has given out for free to Samsung and other phone makers.

Samsung conceded that Apple makes great products but said it doesn't have a monopoly on the design

of rectangle phones with rounded corners that it claimed it created.

The trial came after each side filed a blizzard of legal motions and refused advisories by U.S. District Judge Lucy Koh to settle the dispute out of court.

Deliberations by the jury of seven men and two women began Wednesday.

Samsung has sold 22.7 million smartphones and tablets that Apple claimed uses its technology. McElhinny said those devices accounted for \$8.16 billion in sales since June 2010.

Apple and Samsung combined account for more than half of global smartphone sales.

As part of its lawsuit, Apple also demanded that Samsung pull its most popular cellphones and computer tablets from the U.S. market.

From the beginning, legal experts and Wall Street analysts viewed Samsung as the underdog in the case. Apple's headquarters is a mere 10 miles from the courthouse, and jurors were picked from the heart of Silicon Valley where Apple's late founder Steve Jobs is a revered technological pioneer.

While the legal and technological issues were complex, patent expert Alexander I. Poltorak previously said the case would likely boil down to whether jurors believe Samsung's products look and feel almost identical to Apple's iPhone and iPad.

To overcome that challenge at trial, Samsung's



Samsung Electronics' Galaxy S III, right, and Apple's iPhone 4S are displayed at a mobile phone shop in Seoul, South Korea, Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. South Korea's Samsung won a home court ruling in its global smartphone battle against Apple on Friday when Seoul judges said the company didn't copy the look and feel of the U.S. company's iPhone, and that Apple infringed on Samsung's wireless technology. However, in a split decision on patents, the panel also said Samsung violated Apple technology behind the bounce-back feature when scrolling on touch screens, and ordered both sides to pay limited damages. Associated Press

Amazon adds NBC shows to Prime video lineup

SEATTLE (AP) — Amazon.com Inc. is adding NBC shows to its roster of free videos that can be watched online by customers who pay \$79 a year for unlimited free shipping on goods bought at the online retailer.

The deal announced Friday adds prior seasons of TV shows such as "Parks and Recreation," "Parenthood," "Friday Night Lights," "Heroes," "Battlestar Galactica" to its lineup.

About 22,000 movies and TV episodes are now available in its Prime Instant Video service, which is an enticement for people to sign up for the shipping program, Amazon Prime.

The program promises free two-day shipping on a variety of goods for an annual fee, which can cut costs for people who do a lot of shopping on Amazon.com.

NBC is a division of Comcast Corp.'s NBCUniversal. □

lawyers argued that many of Apple's claims of innovation were either obvious concepts or ideas stolen from Sony Corp. and others. Experts called that line of argument a high-risk strategy because of Apple's reputation as an innovator. Apple's lawyers argued there is almost no difference between Samsung products and those of Apple, and presented internal Samsung documents they said showed it copied Apple designs. Samsung lawyers insisted that several other companies and inventors had previously developed much of the Apple technology at issue.

The U.S. trial is just the latest skirmish between the two tech giants over product designs. Previous legal battles were fought in Australia, the United Kingdom and Germany.

The U.S. case is one of some 50 lawsuits among myriad telecommunications companies jockeying for position in the burgeoning \$219 billion market for smartphones and computer tablets.

A jury has ruled for Apple in its huge smartphone patent infringement case involving Samsung and ordered Samsung to pay \$1.5 billion. The verdict was reached Friday. □

Bernanke comments help stocks pare losses

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NEW YORK (AP) — The stock market keeps getting tossed around by the Fed.

Stocks opened lower Friday but reversed course after a letter surfaced from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke suggesting there was room for the central bank to do more to help the economy.

"There is scope for further action by the Federal Reserve to ease financial conditions and strengthen the recovery," Bernanke wrote

the Dow since early July.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index rose 9.05 to 1,411.13 but also snapped a six-week winning streak. The Nasdaq composite index rose 16.39 to 3,069.79, ending five straight weeks of gains.

In a typically slow August, without much else to influence trading, investors have grasped for hints about what the Fed might do.

On Wednesday afternoon, investors pushed stocks higher after the Fed released meeting minutes that appeared to signal it

strength.

Then on Friday, Bernanke shook up the market again. His letter was in response to questions from Issa, the head of the House oversight committee, who had asked whether it was premature to consider additional steps.

The Fed has several options, including buying bonds, as it has done twice since the 2008 financial crisis, to try to lower interest rates and drive investors into the stock market.

Still, it's debatable how much future Fed action would help the market or the economy. On Friday, some analysts thought it strange that the market moved so decisively on just an inkling about what the Fed chairman might be thinking.

"What's new about what came out?" said Ann Milletti, senior portfolio manager at Wells Fargo Advantage Funds in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin. "I guess the markets are dependent on having some commentary about the macro economy every single day."

For the most part, the market has been hard to read this month. Without much news, trading volume has been low, and investors haven't had much conviction either way about the economy.

Of 18 trading days in August, only once has the Dow moved more than 1 percent. On five days, it has been virtually flat, moving less than one-tenth of a percentage point.

The turbulence likely lies ahead. □



A man walks in front of the electronic stock board of a securities firm as Japan's Nikkei 225 index falls 100.94 points to 9077.18 in Tokyo Friday, Aug. 24, 2012. US stocks opened lower Friday but reversed course after a letter surfaced from Federal Reserve Chairman Ben Bernanke suggesting there was room for the central bank to do more to help the economy.

(AP Photo/Itsuo Inouye)

to California Rep. Darrell Issa, a Republican, in a letter obtained by The Wall Street Journal.

The Dow Jones industrial average was down 30 points at its low but finished 100.51 points higher, at 13,157.97, its first gain all week. It was still the first losing week for

was ready to take more action to prop up the economy.

On Thursday, stocks declined when a Fed regional bank president cast doubt on the idea, saying in an interview with CNBC that the economic recovery appeared to be gaining

ABN Amro profits slide in 2Q

AMSTERDAM (AP) — ABN Amro, the bank owned by the Dutch state, says second quarter earnings fell 9.9 percent due to more of its loans going bad.

Net profit was €291 million (\$365 million), compared with €323 million a year ago. ABN blamed lower interest margins, falling commis-

sions, and a near-doubling in bad loans to €367 million from €187 million.

CEO Gerrit Zalm blamed a Dutch recession, pointing to rising bankruptcies and unemployment rising to 6.5 percent.

The latest government data show the economy has actually been slowly growing, however.

Meanwhile ABN's retail deposits increased by €7.7 billion, benefitting from savers frightened by Europe's debt crisis.

The government purchased ABN Amro to save the nation's banking system in 2008 as previous owner Fortis slid toward bankruptcy. The deal cost taxpayers around €32 billion. □



Lauren Jonker, of Atlanta, opens up a dishwasher on display at a Lowe's store in Atlanta. Signs that U.S. manufacturing is faltering emerged from a report Friday that orders for long-lasting factory goods, excluding the volatile transportation category, fell in July for the fourth time in five months.
(AP Photo/David Goldman)

Drop in US durable goods orders shows weakness

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WASHINGTON (AP) — Signs that U.S. manufacturing is faltering emerged from a report Friday that orders for long-lasting factory goods, excluding the volatile transportation category, fell in July for the fourth time in five months. Overall orders for durable goods rose a seasonally adjusted 4.2 percent in July, the Commerce Department said. But excluding aircraft and other transportation goods, orders dropped 0.4 percent.

Durable goods are items meant to last at least three years. Orders for so-called core capital goods, a key measure of business investment plans, fell 3.4 percent. That's the biggest drop since November and the fourth decline in five months. And June's figure was revised down to show a drop of 2.7 percent — much worse than the initial estimate of a 1.7 percent fall.

"This is a very weak report," Paul Ashworth, an economist at Capital Economics, said in a note to clients.

Core capital goods include computers, industrial machinery and steel. The steady decline in such orders suggests that companies are worried that the economy will slow and are reducing investment. Europe's financial crisis has pushed that region to the brink of recession, threatening exports of U.S. goods. Economies in China, India and Brazil are also growing more slowly.

The U.S. economy is also at risk of going off a "fiscal cliff" at the end of the year. That's when tax increases and deep spending cuts will take effect unless Congress reaches a budget agreement.

The slowdown in manufacturing could encourage the Federal Reserve to step up its efforts to stimulate the economy. At the Fed's last meeting, policymakers signaled that they were moving closer to launching another round of bond-buying, according to minutes released Wednesday. The goal would be to lower longer-term interest rates to encourage more borrowing and spending. "Ignore the headline jump; the slump in capital goods orders will only strengthen the Fed's resolve to act soon," Ashworth said. This week, the Congressional Budget Office warned that if the fiscal crisis remained unresolved all next year, it would probably tip the U.S. economy into a recession. Unemployment would rise to around 9 percent by late next year as a result of the spending cuts and tax increases, the CBO said. Unemployment is now 8.3 percent. Some economists worry that companies are already postponing spending until the budget crisis is resolved. Durable goods orders amounted to \$230.7 billion in July, 63 percent above the recession low hit in March 2009. □



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In private equity, profiting from small-time deals

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Private equity investing is getting a lot of attention this presidential season. Now that Mitt Romney, whose fortune came from his private equity work at Bain Capital, is set to accept the Republican presidential nomination next week in Tampa, Fla., the industry will certainly spend the fall in the spotlight.

But what Romney did at Bain was on a grand scale. There is another variety of private equity investors gaining ground. Call them the do-it-yourself Romneys. Driven by low returns on public investments and a desire to have a direct say in how the investment performs, these people are stepping in to find, invest in and ultimately profit from small-time private equity deals.

Far removed from the glamour of Bain, this do-it-yourself band is driven by the same belief: that professional managers can take an entrepreneur's idea and turn it into something much bigger. The difference is that their past experience may not be relevant to running a company.

I was interested in finding out more about what people expected going into these small deals – but also what they encountered once they were running someone else's company with their money at stake.

So I was receptive when, on the commuter train home a few months ago, James A. Fisher started questioning me about the shaving cream I had in a bag on my lap. He and his wife, Pamela Viglielmo, along with a former banking colleague, Eric Groberg, had made an investment in a men's grooming and cos-

metics company, called Menaji, in 2010 and had been running it with the founder. Fisher said he had also made another investment in an expert witness company, ExpertiCas.

I set up a time to hear more. Fisher and Groberg had worked together at JPMorgan Chase, and later at a small asset management firm, before going off on their own in 2008. Viglielmo had been a consultant to the beauty industry since 1993. Their goal was to find companies to which they could add value.

When an intermediary told them about Menaji, Viglielmo said they thought the timing was right for men's cosmetics.

The taboos about men's wearing makeup – known as color in the industry – were fading, she said. "You have older guys in the workplace and men dating at different ages," she said. "These products are needed."

To me, the bigger question was, What do a beauty consultant and two finance guys who spent most of their career at a large firm

know about running a company? I wanted to test their assumptions with more seasoned advisers while also identifying the common mistakes that such DIY private equity teams make.

SELECTING THE INVESTMENT



From left: Pamela Viglielmo, James Fisher and Eric Groberg, who together made an investment in a men's grooming and cosmetics company, at their offices in Southport, Conn., Aug. 23, 2012. Driven by low returns on public investments and a desire to have a direct say in how the investment performs, investors are stepping in to find, invest in and ultimately profit from small-time private equity deals. (Douglas Healey for The New York Times)

Before investing in Menaji, Fisher said, the team spent almost a year doing due diligence. That was on top of the nearly two years the

group had spent looking for a company in which to invest.

"We resisted the temptation to move quickly or else we would lose the opportunity," he said. "We needed time to perform thorough due diligence and develop

a comprehensive plan." When they were comfortable, the group put up 75 percent of the investment, with the other 25 percent

coming from seven other investors. (They declined to disclose the amount.) They also took out a loan from the Bank of Fairfield, a community bank, after many others, including Chase, passed. To secure the loan, the group had to sign personal guarantees, further tying their financial futures to this investment.

Not all that money went into expanding the business. Michele Probst, who started Menaji in Nashville, Tenn., said her ex-husband had been crucial in helping her run the company from its founding in 1999 to their divorce in 2006, so some of the investment went to buying him out.

Michael Tiedemann, chief investment officer of Tiedemann Wealth Management, said he tried to dissuade clients from small-time private equity with two questions: Who brought you the deal, and why are they bringing it to you?

"You don't want to offend the client's judgment," he said. "But those two questions reveal so much. You can minimize a lot of the risk in that exercise." □

YPF, Chevron discuss shared Argentina strategies

MICHAEL WARREN
Associated Press

BUENOS AIRES, Argentina (AP) — Argentina's state-controlled oil company and California-based Chevron Corp. held a high-level strategy session Friday to discuss how they might work together to develop the world's third-largest unconventional oil and gas reserves.

YPF CEO Miguel Galuccio called his meeting with Chevron's Latin America chief, Ali Moshiri, the first step toward a strategic alliance with Chevron, which is Latin America's leading private energy investor. He said YPF needs partners with Chevron's power and experience to develop Argentina's shale reserves, which trail only

the U.S. and China in potential.

"We discussed various alternatives for cooperation in concrete terms. Chevron is very interested in developing joint ventures, and we need partners with the weight and experience of a company of this size," Galuccio said after the meeting at YPF's headquarters.

Their encounter did not lead to any specific investment news, but it sets the stage for Galuccio's formal presentation next Thursday of a five-year plan for the company that Argentina expropriated from Spain's Grupo Repsol earlier this year.

Since taking charge May 7, Galuccio has insisted on the need for YPF to find deep-pocketed partners willing to

make long-term bets on developing Argentina's energy potential.

But big international oil companies have held back on major new investment in Argentina, where the government recently announced an elaborate system of price controls for the oil and gas industry and also has so far denied Spain's demands for \$10 billion in compensation for the controlling YPF stake seized from Repsol.

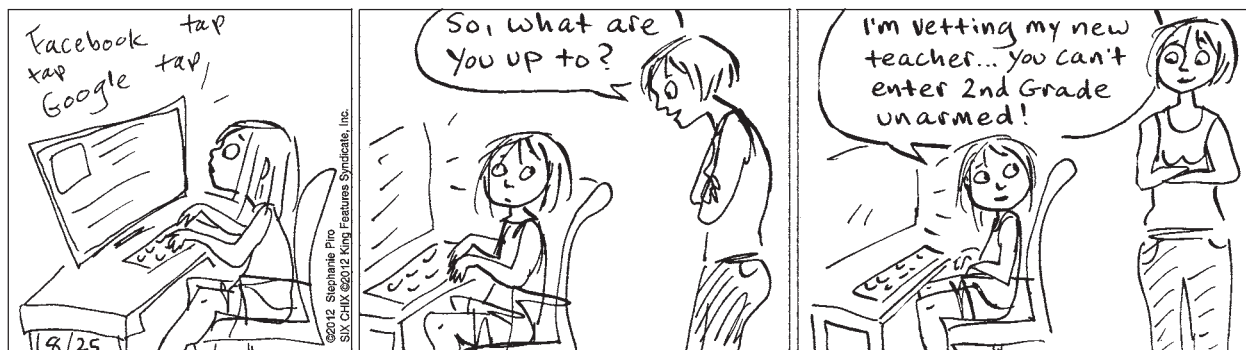
"We have the natural resources, the human capital and the technological and operational capacity. We are, after China and the U.S., the country with the third-greatest shale potential in the world.

We just need to open the door to the future," he said. □

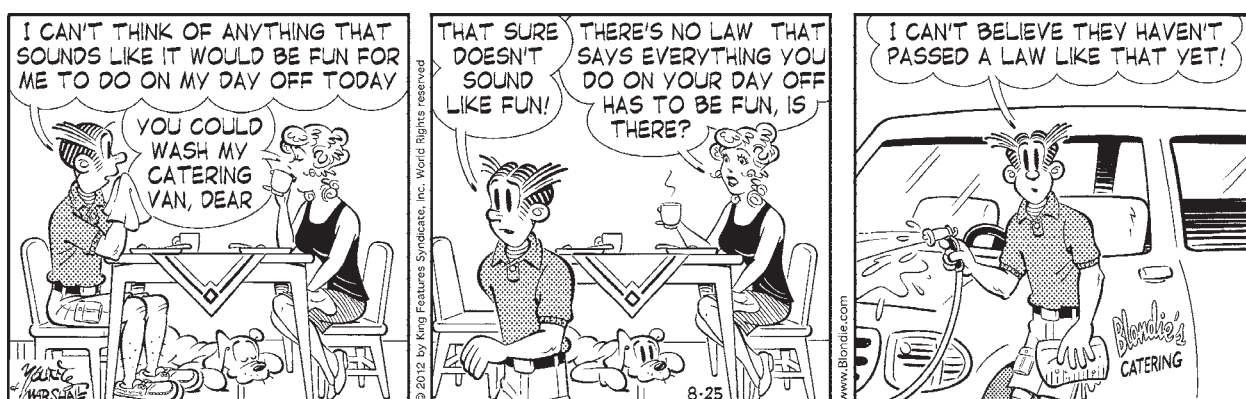
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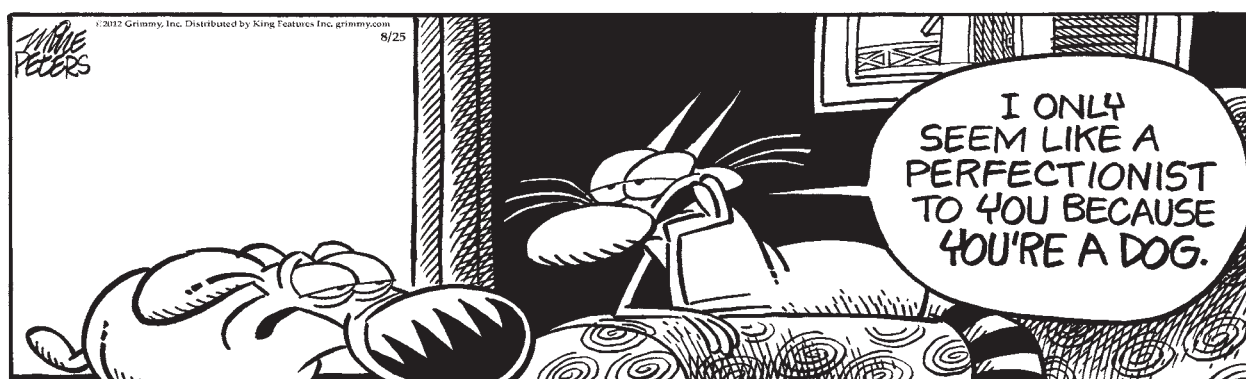
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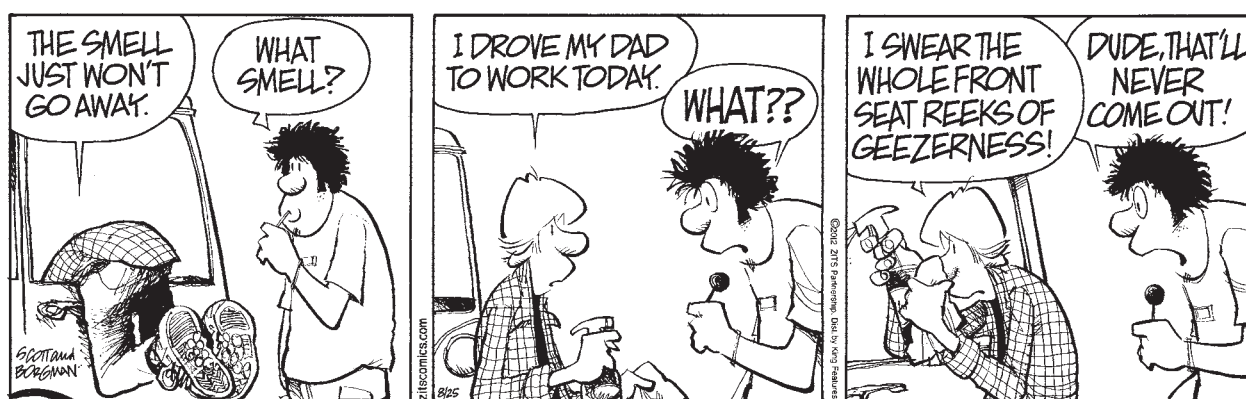
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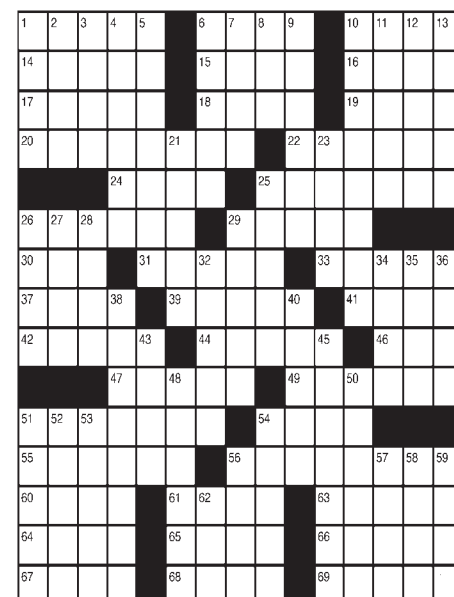
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Yesterday's puzzle answer

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8	3	5	2	6	4	9	1	7
7	9	2	5	3	1	4	8	6
2	6	8	1	7	3	5	9	4
4	5	3	6	9	2	8	7	1
9	1	7	4	5	8	3	6	2

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- Synagogue leader
- Heroic tale
- Saint's ring of light
- Creek
- Invisible emanation
- "Rub-a-dub-dub, three men in ___."
- On the ___; at large
- Snatch
- Hubby or wife
- Surround
- F. Lee or Pearl
- Race car driver
- Earnhardt
- Having no goal
- Spain's dollar before the euro
- Armada
- Pennsylvania or Fifth; abbr.
- Dazzling effect
- Lies in the tub
- Jump
- Toys with tails
- Largest digit
- Follow
- Destiny; fate
- Spare bedroom, often
- Belly button
- Wiped away
- Gave counsel to
- Artist Chagall
- Has ___; is out of bed
- Predict
- Poison ivy symptom
- Deceased
- Sound portion of a recording
- Haggard's ___ from "Muskogee"
- Make eyes at
- Fits of anger
- New Jersey hoopsters
- List of students
- Downhill gliders



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- Infuriate
- Shortly
- Voting alliance
- Next to
- Repeat
- Bird of prey
- Immaculate
- Tax-deferred acct.
- Taxi driver
- Face on a \$10 bill
- "___ of Two Cities"
- Early cousins of the guitar
- Minds
- Clickety-___
- Brothers; ___ from "1950s quartet"
- Change slightly
- Ashen
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- Mediterranean and Caribbean
- Deadly
- Took a shine to

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NEWJERSEY	EARN	
NOSY	CON	
ALLEYS	POLITICS	
GUESS	PANEL	NUN
ENDS	SATED	HERE
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- Sluggish Hank
- Male duck
- Drop in on
- Ideal example
- Autumn
- Margin
- Fibbed
- Defeat
- Sense of self

Facebook reorients itself for a small-screen world



Facebook employees at the company's headquarters in Menlo Park, Calif., Aug. 24, 2012. The company is trying to find ways to show lucrative ads to mobile users without cluttering up their hand-held screens and driving them away in frustration. (Peter DaSilva/The New York Times)

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MENLO PARK, Calif. — At Facebook's headquarters here, mobile devices are everywhere. The first thing visitors do is sign in on iPads at the front desk. Employees at the campus coffee shop use iPads as cash registers. Instead of sending emails, Facebook employees prefer to use the company's messaging system, which pops up new messages on both mobile devices and PCs.

Mobile is clearly on the company's mind, especially now that people are spending more time using Facebook through mobile apps than on computers. And on Wall Street, investors are putting pressure on Mark Zuckerberg's social network to master the mobile world so it can speed up growth and lift its sagging stock.

But the challenge for Facebook, along with other companies like Google that got their start on the Web, is figuring the best way to serve ads to mobile users without cluttering up their small screens and driving them away in frustration. For now, mobile ads bring in less money than standard Web ads, so the shift to mobile threatens to undermine Facebook's revenue.

Facebook's executives say the company is diving deep into mobile, starting with new versions of its apps for

the iPhone and iPad, which it released Thursday. Users had complained that the apps were sluggish; more than half of those who rated Facebook's iPhone app in the Apple App Store gave it one star out of five. The new apps are faster because they were rewritten in the native programming language of Apple's devices, replacing most of the Web-based technology used in previous versions.

The apps are part of what Facebook executives say is a transformation into a "mobile first" company. Developing mobile products has been made a priority, they said in recent interviews, and every team inside the company has been reorganized with the goal of inserting mobile into its DNA.

"We have basically retooled and focused the company around mobile," said Mike Schroepfer, vice president for engineering of Facebook. "It's been a huge change."

As part of the reformation,

product teams have been arranged so that they now make mobile versions of new features at the same time that they are developed for the main website. Before, the company would make new features for the website, then a core mobile team would follow up with translations for mobile devices.

Facebook is also trying to spread mobile expertise throughout the company. Its top engineers hold training sessions every week for 20 employees at a time, teaching them how to program for Apple and Android devices. About 100 engineers are now working on Facebook's mobile products, according to Cory Ondrejka, chief of mobile engineering.

With the training, the company expects to have created 200 new mobile engineers by the end of the year, Schroepfer said. Soon these classes will be open to any Facebook employee who wants to come, including those from areas like marketing and design. Richard Greenfield, a media analyst at BTIG, described mobile as both a blessing and a curse for Facebook. Advertisers like that their ads are difficult to ignore on smaller screens — but at the same time, that's what annoys users.

"It's what we call the mobile Catch-22," he said. "You're kind of stuck."

And mobile ads have less potential to be creative because there is less to work with, Greenfield said. For instance, many mobile devices don't run Adobe Flash, which is commonly used to animate ads.

When Facebook filed for its initial public offering in February, it listed the rise of mobile as a potential

risk, because it had not yet discovered a clear strategy for making money on phones and tablets. Lately it has been trying several approaches.

Gokul Rajaram, product director of ads at Facebook, said the company's strategy would mostly focus on so-called sponsored stories, which treat posts from users as ads, amplifying word of mouth. For example, if a user clicked the Like button on the Facebook page of a certain band, some of his friends might see a notice about this when they visit the site. But if that band chose to sponsor that Like, the notice would show up on most of the friends' news feeds, on both mobile devices and the website. □

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'Essential' film copyright protection turns 100

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AP Entertainment Writer
CULPEPER, Virginia (AP) — In the crisp 39-degree Fahrenheit (4-degree Celsius) air of a converted bunker in rural Virginia lies the U.S.'s greatest collection of early film.

Stacked in metal tins on shelves in 124 concrete vaults that stretch almost eight-feet (2.5-meters) high, movies that wowed audiences decades ago are meticulously stored so that one day, they may play again.

The vaults at the Library of Congress' Packard Campus for Audio-Visual Conservation in Culpeper, Virginia, represent decades of work by copyright officials to not only protect the rights of filmmakers, but also preserve their movies for future generations.

The collection is in many ways the culmination of work that began 100 years ago Friday, when U.S.-made movies earned their own copyright designation and transformed from a fledgling industry into a global economic and cultural juggernaut.

"Copyright was very essential from the very beginning of the industry," said Patrick Loughney, chief of the Packard campus, a former Federal Reserve bunker 90 minutes west of Washington, D.C., that has been converted into a state-of-the-art archive. It is a dual safe-haven, intended to protect both the film's creators and, in the process, establish a collection that outlasts a film's box-office haul.

"It's basically been a Noah's Ark effort to save the creative history of the United States," he said.

Congress carved out a film copyright designation on Aug. 24, 1912, and within weeks, filmmakers were registering their dramas, documentaries and comedies. The first was "Black Sheep's Wool," a melodrama about the troubles of European nobility who came to North America.

It, like many films of its age, is lost. But the Packard Campus does have the only

known copy of the fourth film registered, a 1912 version of "The Charge of the Light Brigade" created by Thomas Edison's film company.

Fragments of another of the first five films registered remain in another archive run by New York's Museum of Modern Art, he said, but the rest are currently considered lost.

Although more than 5,600 earlier films had received copyright protection, Loughney and others say creating a film category reflected its growing influence and the desire to see it protected.

"It certainly adds legitimacy to a medium if it's recognized and has its own category," said Michael O'Leary, a senior vice president of global affairs for the Motion Picture Association of America.

For early filmmakers, "It gave them a little bit of a protection, a little bit of security. They were probably on a little more tenuous ground than we are today," he said.

Early films faced a familiar concern for modern studios — piracy.

"America was a hotbed for that activity, certainly for film," Loughney said.

Early filmmakers often resorted to putting their logos on the backdrops of their sets to discourage piracy, Loughney said. He's seen prints where an infringing movie house had actually scratched out the logos from each frame.

Today, movie pirates sell cheap DVDs of films that are still in theaters and in some cases, hacking studio servers to get access to new releases. Federal authorities have prosecuted or shut down websites suspected of copyright infringement.

For Loughney, the priority is ensuring that films and other works housed at the Packard Campus remain available for future generations to enjoy. That is why the staff maintains copies — and the equipment to play them — of bygone film technologies such as tapes and reels.

Eventually many of the



This undated publicity photo released by the Library of Congress shows Datacine Operator Patrick Kennedy working in the Film Lab at the Library of Congress Packard Campus of the National Audio-Visual Conservation Center located in Culpeper, Virginia.

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works may be digitized, but the facility houses the only known copies of many works. "Our mission is to keep it forever," Loughney said. "When we say forever, we have to mean it." Only a fraction of the works produced between 1912 and 1930 survive, in part be-



cause they were produced on nitrate film, which is so flammable, the Library of Congress wouldn't accept copies of the films until around 1940.

Instead, a copyright agent would review a reel of the film when it was brought to Washington, but it would not be kept.

The nitrate vaults at Packard are just one element of its preservation efforts. Today, copies of all registered films are filed with the Copyright Office and kept for posterity and in case a lawsuit is filed. Films of all kinds — from blockbusters to B-movies to porn films

— flow into the facility in formats ranging from traditional film reels to special hard drives. It costs \$35 to register a movie online and \$65 on paper, no matter what the film's budget.

Packard also preserves copyrighted music and other recordings, and newer creations such as video games.

"Copyright is more important than ever," Loughney said. "It has a practical function. The physical depositing or registering of material creates a national archive that can live on for future generations," he said. □

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R&B singer Usher wins custody fight for sons

JONATHAN LANDRUM Jr.
Associated Press

ATLANTA (AP) — Grammy-winning R&B singer Usher was awarded custody on Friday of his two sons, ending a long legal fight with his ex-wife.

Fulton County Superior Court Judge Bensonetta Tipton Lane ruled that the 33-year-old singer will have primary custody of Usher Raymond V and Naviyd Ely Raymond, according to court clerk's office spokeswoman Cherrise Boone. His custody will start Sept. 1.

Boone said Usher and his ex-wife Tameka Foster Raymond will have joint legal custody. Usher's lawyer, Ivory Brown, did not immediately return a call on Friday. Lisa West, a lawyer for Tameka Raymond, did not immediately return an email seeking comment. Usher, whose real name is Usher Raymond IV, married Tameka Raymond in 2007. They divorced two years later. He said the couple had been separated since July 2008 and claimed there was "no reasonable hope of reconciliation" and the marriage was "irretrievably broken." In May, Usher testified that Tameka Raymond spit at and tried to fight his girlfriend during one visit and that his ex-wife hit him during the dispute. He said he didn't press charges because: "I didn't want the boys to know that their father put their mother in jail." □

Jerry Nelson, Count of 'Sesame Street,' dies at 78

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Jerry Nelson, the puppeteer behind Count von Count on PBS' "Sesame Street," has died. Sesame Workshop says Nelson, who suffered from emphysema, died Thursday night in his Massachusetts home on Cape Cod. He was 78.

A tribute to Nelson was posted on the educational workshop's website. It lauds Nelson for his artistry and the "laughter he brought to children worldwide" with the count and other Muppet characters, including Herry Monster and the Amazing Mumford.

Nelson also performed characters on the "Fraggle Rock" show, including Gobo Fraggles.

In recent years, Nelson stopped operating the Count and other "Sesame Street" puppets but still served as their voices.

The workshop says the new season of Sesame Street launches next month and Jerry Nelson's voice will be heard. □

Lawyer in Bieber case fights anti-paparazzi law

ANTHONY McCARTNEY
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LOS ANGELES (AP) — A paparazzo charged with recklessly pursuing Justin Bieber for photos will challenge the constitutionality of the law targeting aggressive celebrity-hounding tactics, his attorney said Friday. Attorney David S. Kestenbaum filed a motion asking a judge to declare that the 2010 California statute penalizing those who drive recklessly in pursuit of commercial photos is unconstitutional.

The 17-page motion argues the law used to charge his client, Paul Raef, violates First Amendment protections for the press and is too broad.

Kestenbaum filed the motion during a brief hearing that neither Raef nor Bieber attended. The photographer was charged last month with four misdemeanor counts after a July 6 high-speed pursuit on a Los Angeles freeway involving the pop singer and other paparazzi.

Raef is the first person charged under the law. The motion does not address the specifics of the incident, but rather challenges the law on constitutional grounds. It contends the law is vague because



In this June 11, 2012 file photo, pop star Justin Bieber poses for photos prior to a press conference at a hotel in Mexico City. Associated Press

state vehicle codes do not adequately define what would be a photo taken for commercial purposes.

"First and foremost, the statute unconstitutionally singles out the press for a special penalty," the motion states.

A judge will hear the motion during a hearing on Sept. 24. Raef has not yet entered a plea in the case. Raef, 30, was not arrested during the chase. However, his license plate was reported to police, who investigated and presented the case to city prosecutors. They charged Raef on July 25, but when the photographer appeared for booking, Kestenbaum said police were unaware of the new law and he was not processed.

Kestenbaum said he expects the case will likely end up in an appeals court, regardless of any ruling by a criminal court judge.

Raef has also been charged with more traditional reckless driving and for following other cars too closely.

Prosecutors allege he chased Bieber at more than 80 mph (128 kph) and forced other motorists to avoid collisions while Raef tried to get shots of the teen heartthrob. □



In this June 2012 publicity photo released by "Sesame Street," puppeteer Jerry Nelson is shown with "Sesame Street" character Count von Count in New York. Associated Press

Galt, Gold And Gold



PAUL KRUGMAN
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So far, most of the discussion of Paul Ryan, the presumptive Republican nominee for vice president, has focused on his budget proposals. But Ryan is a man of many ideas, which would ordinarily be a good thing.

In his case, however, most of those ideas appear to come from works of fiction, specifically Ayn Rand's novel "Atlas Shrugged."

For those who somehow missed it when growing up, "Atlas Shrugged" is a fantasy in which the world's productive people – the "job creators," if you like – withdraw their services from an ungrateful society. The novel's centerpiece is a 64-page speech by John Galt, the angry elite's ringleader; even Friedrich Hayek admitted that he never made it through that part. Yet the book is a perennial favorite among adolescent boys. Most boys eventually outgrow it. Some, however, remain devotees for life.

And Ryan is one of those devotees. True, in recent years, he has tried to downplay his Randism, calling it an "urban legend." It's not hard to see why: Rand's fervent atheism – not to mention her declaration that "abortion is a moral right" – isn't what the GOP base wants to hear.

But Ryan is being disingenuous. In 2005, he told the Atlas Society, which is devoted to promoting Rand's ideas, that she inspired his political career: "If I had to credit one thinker, one person, it would be Ayn Rand." He also declared that Rand's work was required reading for his staff and interns.

And the Ryan fiscal program clearly reflects Randian notions. As I documented in my last column, Ryan's reputation for being serious about the budget deficit is completely undeserved; his policies would actually increase the deficit. But he is deadly serious about cutting taxes on the rich and slashing aid to the poor, very much in line with Rand's worship of the successful and contempt for "moochers."

This last point is important. In pushing for draconian cuts in Medicaid, food stamps and other programs that aid the needy, Ryan isn't just looking for ways to save money. He's also, quite explicitly, trying to make life harder for the poor – for their own good. In March, explaining his cuts in

aid for the unfortunate, he declared, "We don't want to turn the safety net into a hammock that lulls able-bodied people into lives of dependency and complacency, that drains them of their will and their incentive to make the most of their lives."

Somehow, I doubt that Americans forced to rely on unemployment benefits and food stamps in a depressed economy feel that they're living in a comfortable hammock.

But wait, there's more: "Atlas Shrugged" apparently shaped Ryan's views on monetary policy, views that he clings to despite having been repeatedly, completely wrong in his predictions.

In early 2011, Ryan, newly installed as the chairman of the House Budget Committee, gave Ben Bernanke, the Federal Reserve chairman, a hard time over his expansionary policies. Rising commodity prices and long-term interest rates, he asserted, were harbingers of high inflation to come; "There is nothing more insidious that a country can do to its citizens," he intoned, "than debase its currency."

Since then, inflation has remained quiescent while long-term rates have plunged – and the U.S. economy would surely be in much worse shape than it is if Bernanke had allowed himself to be bullied into monetary tightening. Ryan seems undaunted in his monetary views. Why?

Well, it's right there in that 2005 speech to the Atlas Society, in which he declared that he always goes back to "Francisco d'Anconia's speech on money" when thinking about monetary policy. Who? Never mind. That speech (which clocks in at a mere 23 paragraphs) is a case of hard-money obsession gone ballistic. Not only does the character in question, a Galt sidekick, call for a return to the gold standard, he denounces the notion of paper money and demands a return to gold coins.

For the record, the U.S. currency supply has consisted overwhelmingly of paper money, not gold and silver coins, since the early 1800s. So if Ryan really thinks that Francisco d'Anconia had it right, he wants to turn the clock back not one but two centuries.

Does any of this matter? Well, if the Republican ticket wins, Ryan will surely be an influential force in the next administration – and bear in mind, too, that he would, as the cliché goes, be a heartbeat away from the presidency. So it should worry us that Ryan holds monetary views that would, if put into practice, go a long way toward recreating the Great Depression.

And, beyond that, consider the fact that Ryan is considered the modern GOP's big thinker. What does it say about the party when its intellectual leader evidently gets his ideas largely from deeply unrealistic fantasy novels? □



Ryan's Biggest Mistake



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A few years ago, President Barack Obama established a debt commission that was led by Alan Simpson and Erskine Bowles and had a group of eminences, including Rep. Paul Ryan. When that commission came up with its proposal, some conservative Republicans, like Tom Coburn and Judd Gregg, voted yes, but Ryan voted no. This was a devastating blow. If Ryan and the other House Republicans had voted for the Simpson-Bowles proposal, it would have gone to Congress for up-or-down votes, regardless of how Obama reacted. We would have had national action on debt reduction.

The Simpson-Bowles plan would have simplified the tax code and lowered rates. It would have capped the size of government. According to the Bipartisan Policy Center, it would have brought the federal debt down from 73 percent of the nation's gross domestic product today, to 67 percent of GDP in 2022.

Ryan voted no for intellectually coherent reasons. He argued that the single biggest contributing factor to public debt is the unsustainable growth of Medicare. Yet the Simpson-Bowles

plan did nothing to restructure Medicare, and it sidestepped health care issues generally. Ryan said that it was silly to come up with a debt-reduction proposal that didn't fix the single biggest driver of the nation's debt.

This is the sort of argument that makes a lot of sense in a think-tank auditorium. The problem was there were almost no Democrats who endorsed Ryan's Medicare reform ideas. If Ryan was going to pinion debt reduction to Medicare reform, that meant there would be no debt reduction.

But Ryan had another way forward, noting: We're going to have an election in 2012; the country will choose between two different visions; if we Republicans win, we'll be able to reform Medicare our way and reduce the debt our way.

In other words, Ryan was willing to sacrifice the good for the sake of the ultimate.

In order to get this ultimate solution, though, Ryan was betting that three things would happen. First, he was betting that Republicans would beat Obama. Second, he was betting that Republicans would win such overwhelming congressional majorities that they would be able to push through measures Democrats hate. Third, he was betting that a group of Republican politicians would unilaterally slash one of the country's most popular programs and that they would be able to sustain these cuts through the ensuing elections, in the face of ferocious and highly popular Democratic opposition.

To put it another way, Ryan was giving up significant debt progress for a political fantasy.

Ryan's fantasy happens to be the No. 1 political fantasy in America today, which has inebriated both parties. It is the fan-

tasy that the other party will not exist. It is the fantasy that you are about to win a 1932-style victory that will render your opponents powerless.

Every single speech in this election campaign is based on this fantasy. There hasn't been a speech this year that grapples with the real world – that we live in a highly polarized, evenly divided nation and the next president is going to have to try to pass laws in that context.

It's obvious why candidates talk about the glorious programs they'll create if elected. It fires up crowds and defines values. But we shouldn't forget that it's almost entirely make-believe.

In the real world, there are almost never ultimate victories, and it is almost never the case (even if you control the White House and Congress) that you get to do what you want.

The real world looks a lot like the Simpson-Bowles commission, where you get a diverse group of people who try to make progress in the areas where that is possible and try to sidestep the areas where it is not.

The real world looks like the budget talks between Obama and John Boehner last summer, in which two party leaders get together and work out a budget deal between themselves (which is easy) and also try to write a deal they can sell to their party bases (which is hard).

In the real world, leaders have a dual consciousness. They have a campaign consciousness in which they argue for the policies they think are best for the country. But then they have a governing consciousness, a mindset they put on between elections. It says: OK, this is the team the voters have sent to Washington. How can we navigate our divides to come up with something suboptimal but productive? □

Spain's jobless farm workers press grievances with occupation



Members of the Andalusian Union of Workers and supporters march between Palma del Rio and Hornachuelos, Spain, Aug. 22, 2012. Unemployment and austerity have fueled farmworkers' resentment of wealthy landowners and their farm subsidies in the region.

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HORNACHUELOS, Spain — Outmaneuvering the police, hundreds of jobless farmworkers charged through a hole in a fence and turned the manicured gardens of a vacant estate here in Spain's agricultural heartland into a lively fair-ground of protest this week. Men more accustomed to working in the fields lounged in the shade beside a pink palace, picnicked on paella and spent a night relaxing. Some even took a dip in the pool.

"We're here to denounce a social class who leaves such places to waste," said Diego Canamero, leader of the Andalusian Union of Workers, addressing the demonstrators who had occupied the property, the Palacio de Moratalla. For all of the estate's grandeur, the owner, the Duke of Segorbe, lives in Andalusia's capital, Seville, about 60 miles away.

The occupation was a demonstration of the class conflicts that simmer amid complaints about austerity and joblessness in Spain. Such protests have gathered pace in this farm region in recent weeks,

adding a volatile dimension to Spain's economic downturn. They have also pointed to a deeper anger about the shape of Spain's economy and democracy. The resentment here over land that has been left uncultivated at a time of deepening recession and record joblessness reaches beyond local politicians and landowners to European Union bureaucrats. Agricultural subsidies are criticized by many here as favoring landed interests, paying them not to grow crops when nearly a third of the workforce in Andalusia is unemployed.

Canamero said European subsidies reinforced landed interests because the payments' value was based on the size of the landholding rather than on its productivity. "There is zero incentive for these already wealthy owners to grow anything," he said.

Three years into the crisis, the government of Prime Minister Mariano Rajoy has faced protests by miners, students, teachers, legions of jobless workers and any range of others unhappy with his austerity policies. But the protests here in rural Spain, which have tipped

increasingly toward lawlessness and civil disobedience, contain the echoes of conflicts that have a special place in Spain's history. As Spain's biggest region and farming heartland, Andalusia was the site of many of the confrontations over land ownership lead-

ing up to the Spanish Civil War, when a landed elite resisted an agrarian reform meant to give farm hands better work conditions and job security.

"We're not anarchists looking for conflict, but our claims are similar to those of the 1930s," Canamero said, referring to the war years, "because the land is, unfortunately, under the control now of even fewer people than at that time." Jose Luis Solana, a professor of social anthropology at the University of Jaen, said that even if some of the claims made by the farm unions were questionable or exaggerated, "an agrarian reform and proper land distribution in Andalusia is one of the missing elements of our transition to democracy" — both in terms of social justice and improved economic efficiency.

Farming use, as measured by the surface area of cultivated land on each farm, rose 18.5 percent in Spain between 1999 and 2009, according to data released last year by Spain's national statistics institute. In Andalusia, however, the rise was 6.9 percent, the lowest among Spain's 17

regions.

The occupation of Palacio de Moratalla from Tuesday morning to early Wednesday was part of a march that Canamero has led since Aug. 16, walking about 15 miles a day across the parched countryside with around 500 demonstrators. In recent months, the protests by unemployed farmworkers have mostly singled out unused state land, either in the hands of Andalusia's regional government or Spain's Defense Ministry, which previously required it for military purposes. Increasingly, the demonstrations are spreading to vacant private estates as well.

Another leader of the march, Juan Manuel Sanchez Gordillo, has taken increasingly strident actions to draw attention to his complaints.

This month, Sanchez Gordillo, the mayor of the farming town of Marinaleda and a member of one of Spain's opposition parties, the United Left, created a national controversy by helping coordinate food raids on two supermarkets. Seven people were charged with robbery with violence. □



Lola Alvarez, a spokesperson for the Andalusian Workers Union, speaks to farm workers as they pick peppers on the occupied Sotomonte farm in Palma del Rio, Spain, Aug. 21, 2012. Unemployment and austerity have fueled farmworkers' resentment of wealthy landowners and their farm subsidies in the region.

(Laura Leon/International Herald Tribune)